They are asking Parliament to enact film distribution legislation which would give Canadians control over film distribution in Canada and would give Canadian film makers a genuine opportunity to have their work seen in their own country.

PROTECTION AGAINST ABUSE

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, these petitioners point out that one out of every ten Canadian women is beaten by the man she lives with, that one woman in four is sexually assaulted or abused, and that every 17 minutes a Canadian woman receives some sort of sexual assault.

The petitioners are calling upon Parliament to ensure that women have alternatives to protect themselves and their children from violence, to consider the advisability of increasing funding for transition homes and advocacy centres, and to ensure that women receive greater protection under the new laws.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Shall all questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, I would ask that all Motions for Papers stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Shall all motions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Budget--Mr. Loiselle

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

THE BUDGET

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

The House resumed from Friday, April 28, 1989, consideration of the motion of Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre) that this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government and of the amendment of Mr. MacLaren: That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "That" and substituting the following therefor:

"this House regrets that the Government has imposed unfair taxes and has cut vital programs, including child care, regional development and agriculture, in an effort to reduce its annual deficit, despite the fact that this effort has been rendered futile by the Government's ill-conceived high interest rate policy; and

That this House condemns the Government for pursuing these policies that fall most onerously upon lower and middle–income Canadians and that are certain to hinder the further development of the Canadian economy."

And on the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Nystrom, seconded by Mr. Riis,—That the amendment be amended by adding the following words:

"and this House further condemns the government

1) for imposing the greatest new tax burden on Canadian families in recent times;

2) for reneging on its commitment to develop regional equality;

3) for continuing and increasing the unfairness of the tax system; and

4) for eroding the universality of vital social programs."

Hon. Gilles Loiselle (Minister of State (Finance)): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour for me to rise today in support of the Budget my colleague the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) tabled last week. This is an important budget for the future of Canada. It deals with what we must do as a government and as a country to maintain social programs and the high standard of living Canadians wish for themselves and for their children.

This Budget, Mr. Speaker, deals with what we must do to face challenges and make the most of the opportunities offered by a changing world, what we must do to affirm our sovereignty, that of a mature and confident nation, and, finally, to meet the new and ongoing priorities of our country.