

[*Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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## NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ACT

### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (for the Minister of Justice)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-64, an act to amend the Northwest Territories Act.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

Mrs. McDougall (for Ms. Campbell (Vancouver Centre)), moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

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## PETITIONS

### WHALES

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam):** Madam Speaker, I have a petition from the Sir Frederick Banting Junior Secondary School in Coquitlam, British Columbia.

The students say that in 1982 the International Whaling Commission declared a moratorium on commercial whaling. A loophole in the IWC moratorium, however, allowed for whales to be killed for scientific research purposes and under the guise of science hundreds of whales have been butchered. Some research is conducted. Then the whale meat is sent to the marketplace as an expensive delicacy. Now Iceland, Norway and Japan are threatening to ignore or leave the IWC and start full-scale commercial whaling once more.

The students demand that the international laws be introduced and enforced to eliminate the scientific research loophole so the world's whales can be preserved.

### HOME RENOVATIONS

**Mr. Mike Breagh (Oshawa):** Madam Speaker, I have a petition signed by about 38 people from the Oshawa area.

## Routine Proceedings

They are basically requesting that the Parliament of Canada investigate the possibility of making home renovations tax deductible to the home owner, as has been done in the United States, in the current tax year so that jobs could be created in the building industry and therefore help to stimulate the economy.

## CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

**Mr. Bill Kempling (Burlington):** Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 36 I wish to present 64 petitions containing approximately 8,150 signatures of citizens of Burlington, Hamilton, Stoney Creek, Dundas, Mississauga, Oakville, Scarborough, Guelph, Kitchener, Toronto, and other locations in southwest Ontario.

The petition urges the government to stiffen the penalties for violent crime and points in particular to the death of Ms. Nina de Villiers who was brutally murdered on August 9, 1991.

The petitioners ask the Minister of Justice and the Solicitor General to continue to review all legislation that deals with public safety and negotiate where necessary with the provincial authorities to ensure that the laws are amended to reflect the concerns expressed by the petitioners on public safety.

## IMMIGRATION

**Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park):** Madam Speaker, on Friday, March 13, close to 1,000 people demonstrated in front of Toronto City Hall to protest this government's bungling of the processing of the refugees in the refugee backlog.

Those petitions have been given to the clerk for approval. The present petitioners here do state that refugee claimants who although successfully established in Canada are being refused landing at the pre-inquiry humanitarian and compassionate reviews.

They humbly pray and call upon Parliament to request the Minister of Employment and Immigration and the Secretary of State for External Affairs to accept all persons registered in the refugee backlog who are established in Canada for landed immigrant status at their pre-inquiry humanitarian and compassionate reviews.