

Routine Proceedings

STUDENT LOANS

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, in the second instance the petitioners indicate that the 3 per cent tax on student loans is still in operation. It had been promised to have been removed.

The petitioners also indicate that other cuts to transfer payments for health and education are inappropriate and are counterproductive to increased productivity and competitiveness.

BILL C-91

Mr. Ron Fisher (Saskatoon—Dundurn): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition duly authorized under Standing Order 36 concerning Bill C-91 which is coincidentally being debated in the House today.

The petitioners point out that Bill C-91 will, as Bill C-22 its predecessor did, make drugs more costly to the Canadian public. It will be an added financial burden on the provincial and private drug plans. They point out that although it was said that Bill C-22 would not result in increased drug prices, it did. The petitioners have no confidence that Bill C-91 will do any better.

PROUD TO BE CANADIAN

Hon. William Rompkey (Labrador): Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege today of presenting two petitions.

The first is from a group of my constituents in Happy Valley, Goose Bay and Labrador, who are calling upon Parliament and indeed all Canadians to support the Proud to be Canadian project as an opportunity to nurture a positive, life long relationship with our heritage and our flag, to encourage stronger ties among all Canadians for the further advancement of Canada as a leader in world circles and to promote our tremendous pride in being Canadians.

CHILD POVERTY

Hon. William Rompkey (Labrador): Mr. Speaker, the second petition is from a group of people from the island portion of my province who are calling upon Parliament to reaffirm its commitment to seek to eliminate poverty among children in Canada by the year 2000 and to develop a plan for the implementation of this commitment.

NORTH THOMPSON RIVER

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour to present a petition on behalf of a number of constituents from the Kamloops constituency, namely the community of Clearwater, who point out their deep concern regarding a plan to divert part of the North Thompson River near Valemont in order to sell one million acre feet of fresh water to California, U.S.A.

They are simply asking the government to announce and take steps to pass legislation ensuring that our Canadian rivers will not be diverted.

INCOME TAX ACT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, on another issue, the petitioners again from Kamloops point out that selected professional groups now under the Income Tax Act can deduct a write-off for dues, equipment and services necessary for the operation of their profession.

Under the present law, teachers are precluded from receiving such benefits. They are calling upon the government to take action to provide an element of fairness in the tax system and to treat teachers as other professionals are treated.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, again the petitioners from Kamloops are concerned about what they perceive to be increasing levels of lawlessness in some of the rural communities.

They are asking the federal government to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police can fulfil its mandate and role appropriately.

FIRST NATIONS OF CANADA

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, a number of petitioners from the communities of Fort St. James, Simon Fraser University, Nanaimo, Chemainus, Qualicum Bay and Ladysmith, point out that they hope the day of June 21 will be set aside as a day respecting a national solidarity date for the First Nations of Canada.

They unfortunately point out that the Conservatives in the House of Commons would not co-operate and therefore this is not proceeding at the moment.