

Routine Proceedings

[Translation]

JUSTICE

PETITIONS

CLEAN-UP AND MAINTENANCE OF RIDEAU RIVER

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a petition, in accordance with the Standing Orders. This petition addresses the serious pollution problem in the Rideau River which flows into the Ottawa River not far from Parliament Hill.

The undersigned now avail themselves of their right to present a grievance common to your petitioners. They humbly sheweth that whereas our economic and social well-being depends on a clean and healthy environment; whereas past negligence with respect to the environment has had a disastrous impact on many communities, including pollution of our rivers and streams; therefore your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to ask the federal government to act as equal partners with provincial and municipal authorities in order to implement an action plan for the clean-up and maintenance of the Rideau River.

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions on firearms. The petitioners are residents of Ottawa and Orléans, and they humbly sheweth that the availability of firearms is a critical factor in cases of homicide, accidents and suicides; that there are many types of firearms readily available in Canada which are not required for legitimate purposes such as hunting and competitive shooting. Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to pass legislation now to prohibit possession of firearms by any person with a criminal record.

[English]

AGRICULTURE

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, having been unsuccessful to convince one or two members to give assistance to Akwesasne let me try my hand at a petition asking this House to assist with the terrible farming problems in all of Canada, particularly in Glengarry—Prescott—Russell. Aid from the Government of Canada is greatly needed because of the low prices of crops this year.

I am pleased to table this petition pursuant to Standing Order 36 of the House of Commons.

Mr. Dennis Mills (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I am happy to rise pursuant to Standing Order 36 and present a petition to the House of Commons regarding the murder of Nina DeVilliers last August. This incident exposed serious deficiencies in the criminal justice system. There are many vulnerable persons who have little protection under the current system. Women, children, and disabled persons are at particular risk.

Therefore petitioners from all over the metropolitan Toronto area request Parliament to recognize that crimes of violence against the person are serious and abhorrent to society. They say that we must amend the Criminal Code of Canada, the Bail Reform Act of 1972 and the Parole Act accordingly.

YUGOSLAVIA

Mr. Bill Attewell (Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I am pleased to present this petition describing the serious situation presently raging in Yugoslavia.

Petitioners believe that terrorist activities are taking place. Our own Prime Minister has requested that the Security Council of the United Nations intervene and consider the use of peacekeeping forces. The petitioners call for justice and humanity to prevail and violence to cease. They also want Croatia and Slovenia recognized as independent and sovereign states without delay.

JUSTICE

Ms. Beth Phinney (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions to present with hundreds of signatures from people in my riding of Hamilton Mountain and other areas of Hamilton, Stoney Creek, and Ancaster. The petitioners ask that Parliament recognize that crimes of violence against a person are serious and abhorrent to society.

They ask this government to amend the Criminal Code of Canada, the Bail Reform Act of 1972, and the Parole Act accordingly.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)