

[Translation]

## PETITIONS

### SOCIAL HOUSING

**Mr. Réal Ménard (Hochelaga—Maisonneuve):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I would like to present a petition on behalf of 1,000 citizens who are asking the government not to proceed with potential rent increases in low-income housing and in the OSBL. I support this petition and hope that the government will respond to it favourably.

### POSTAL SERVICE

**Mr. Louis Plamondon (Richelieu):** Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table a petition on behalf of citizens of my riding, mainly from the Saint-Grégoire area of the city of Bécancourt, as well as from the parish of Grand-Saint-Esprit, who avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to your petitioners.

Through this petition, they urge the government to stop closing post offices and unreasonably reducing the working hours of people who work in these offices. They do not accept the fact that the quality of postal service is penalizing the small parishes.

[English]

### YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

**Mr. Rex Crawford (Kent):** Mr. Speaker, I am honoured once again to rise in the House pursuant to Standing Order 36 and present a petition of over 1,000 names on behalf of citizens concerned about the Young Offenders Act.

This petition is not only from my own riding of Kent but from Essex—Kent, Windsor West and Windsor—St. Clair, Lambton and Sarnia. It states that crimes committed on society by young offenders are on a serious uprise and the young offenders go virtually unpunished due to protection under the Young Offenders Act, whereas they lack respect for the law and fellow citizens, whereas there is no remorse or shame on the part of the young offender.

Wherefore, the undersigned, the petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to review and revise its laws concerning young offenders by empowering the courts to prosecute and punish the young law breakers who are terrorizing our society by releasing their names and lowering the age limit to allow prosecution to meet the severity of the crime.

### CRIMINAL CODE

**Mr. Bernie Collins (Souris—Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(1), I would like to present this petition on behalf of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan.

## Supply

The undersigned, the residents of the province of Saskatchewan, draw to the attention of the House the following: Whereas under section 745 of the Criminal Code of Canada convicted murderers sentenced to life imprisonment without chance of parole for 25 years are able to apply for review after only 15 years, and whereas the murder of police officers and prison guards in the execution of their duties is a most reprehensible crime, the petitioners request that Parliament repeal section 745 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

**Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition, duly certified as to form and content, from citizens across my riding asking the federal government to seek approval from the Canadian people for Canada's policy with reference to official languages.

• (1220)

### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**Mr. Morris Bodnar (Saskatoon—Dundurn):** Mr. Speaker, I have had a petition forwarded to me which has been duly certified indicating that in the opinion of the petitioners the Canadian National Anthem makes reference to the male sex and is therefore sexist. The petitioners request that the anthem be amended to avoid such terms.

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## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Mr. Speaker, I would ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Shall all questions stand?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

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### SUPPLY

#### ALLOTTED DAY—REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

The House resumed consideration of the motion.

**The Deputy Speaker:** The hon. member for Bellechasse had five minutes remaining for his speech.

**Mr. François Langlois (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I thank you, and I wish to remind you that, pursuant to Standing Order 43(2), the Official Opposition will be splitting its time into ten-minute periods.

As the time for statements by members and oral question period was beginning, I was about to bring up the provisions of Bill C-207 introduced by one of my hon. colleagues as a private