

Routine Proceedings

The petitioners pray that Parliament and the government restore the original terms and conditions of the Canada Assistance Plan.

IMMIGRATION

Mr. Jim Karpoff (Surrey North): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36 which points out that whereas family class and assisted relative immigrants have historically been an important part of Canadian immigration and whereas family class and assisted relative persons have relatives in Canada to assist them in finding employment, housing and learning the Canadian language and customs they call upon this government to reverse its policy and again establish family class and assisted relatives as the number one priority for immigration.

CHILD POVERTY

Mr. David D. Stupich (Nanaimo—Cowichan): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition certified correct by the clerk where the petitioners remind the House that it expressed concern for the more than one million Canadian children currently living in poverty and would seek to achieve the goal of eliminating poverty among Canadian children by the year 2000.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take the actions necessary to reaffirm its commitment to seek the elimination of poverty among children in Canada by the year 2000 and to develop a plan for the implementation of this commitment.

[Translation]

REQUEST FOR ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE IN OUR SOCIETY

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a petition from La Motte and Amos, in Abitibi. The petitioners state that films of violence shown on television are dangerous and unacceptable because they promote more violence.

Consequently, the petitioners humbly call upon Parliament to legislate on the above-mentioned problems, to put an end to violence in our society and to better protect our children and ensure a better quality of life for all our fellow citizens.

OZONE DEPLETION

Mr. Louis Plamondon (Richelieu): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table a petition signed by 1,900 people who

support the environmental cause promoted by the students' association of the Sorel-Tracy CEGEP. This group, headed by Eric Plouffe, has gathered signatures from all regions of Quebec. The total of 1,900 signatures demonstrates how seriously the government should take ozone depletion.

[English]

PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

Mr. Ross Harvey (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, I too rise today pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 36 to present a petition signed by numerous Canadians calling on the government not to proceed with Bill C-91 and to repeal the 1987 Bill C-22 for the purpose of protecting our medicare plans, our provincial pharmaceutical plans and our senior citizens from the ruinous cost of the high prices that would be induced by this legislation.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition which is signed by residents of Busby, Alberta, Vancouver and Burnaby, British Columbia and other towns and cities in Alberta and British Columbia noting that two Canadians, Christine Lamont and David Spencer, who have been sentenced to 28 years each in a Brazilian prison have suffered miscarriages of justice, cruel and unusual treatment in Brazilian prisons and discrimination in sentencing and parole.

The petitioners note that the cumulative effect of these irregularities provides ample ground for the Government of Canada to seek a remedy on their behalf and that the only remedy is expulsion. Therefore, they call upon Parliament to urge the Secretary of State for External Affairs to request the Government of Brazil to expel Christine Lamont and David Spencer and return them to Canada.

TRADE

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches—Woodbine): Mr. Speaker, I too have a petition from one of my constituents, Mr. Robert Varty. The petitioners draw the attention of the House to the fact that a free trade agreement between Mexico, Canada and the U.S.A. would be economically detrimental at this time. The petitioners also believe that an agreement to this effect would not be honoured, as has been proven by the trade agreement between Canada and the U.S.A. Therefore, the petitioners request