

*Routine Proceedings***JUSTICE AND THE SOLICITOR GENERAL**

SUBCOMMITTEE ON RECODIFICATION

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, I think you will find that there is consent for the following motion. I move:

That the subcommittee on the recodification of the general part of the Criminal Code of the Standing Committee on Justice and the Solicitor General be authorized to report directly to the House.

Motion agreed to.

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PETITIONS

JAMES BAY II

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to table dozens of petitions from thousands of Canadians that have been certified pursuant to Standing Order 36 regarding the James Bay II project.

The petitioners say that whereas the boreal and Arctic ecosystems of the James Bay area consist of fragile ecosystems which are home to a rich variety of wildlife, including endangered and rare species such as the threatened eastern Hudson Bay population of the beluga whale, the endangered eastern populations of both the wolverine and peregrine falcon, and numerous migrating birds and large mammals extinct in most parts of the world, such as the lynx, the river otter, and the fresh water seal.

Therefore the petitioners humbly request that Parliament take any and all actions to halt the construction on James Bay II at least until a thorough global environmental impact study on James Bay II and other hydroelectric projects draining into the Hudson Bay watershed has been done.

This was kindly co-ordinated by Diane Murray from OPIRG Carleton.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Madam Speaker, I would like to present a petition on behalf of two Canadians, Christine Lamont and David Spencer, who have been sentenced to 28 years each in a Brazilian

prison, suffered miscarriages of justice, cruel and unusual treatment in Brazilian prisons, and discrimination in sentencing and parole.

Therefore the petitioners call upon Parliament to ensure the Prime Minister requests the Government of Brazil to expel Christine Lamont and David Spencer and return them to Canada in accordance with Brazilian law.

It is signed by hundreds of people.

JAMES BAY II

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Madam Speaker, I am honoured to present a petition on behalf of 500 people from all across Canada. The lead signature is that of David Suzuki.

This petition concerns James Bay II. It says that whereas hydroelectric dams built in increased concentrations of mercury, methyl mercury and other dangerous substances in aquatic systems, mercury is a neurotoxin known to bioaccumulate and bioconcentrate in plant and animal tissues up the food chain, and is even in minute amounts very dangerous to long lived animals such as humans and belugas.

These petitioners ask Parliament to halt all construction on James Bay II, at least until a thorough global environmental impact study on James Bay II and other hydroelectric projects draining into the Hudson Bay watershed has been done, and to protect the unique Canadian ecosystems found in the James Bay area.

SERIAL KILLER BOARD GAMES

Mr. George S. Rideout (Moncton): Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36 concerning serial killer board games. People in my riding are petitioning Parliament to consider amending the Criminal Code of Canada so that violent and degrading material such as serial killer board games can be kept from being distributed in Canada.

YOUNG OFFENDERS

Hon. Alan Redway (Don Valley East): Madam Speaker, I have a number of petitions representing literally a ton of signatures but only a small part of the petitions signed by 140,000 Canadians. These petitions were initiated by Stu and Margaret Garrioch of Calgary in memory of their son, Ryan, who was stabbed to death by a young offender.