

Routine Proceedings

This petition is submitted by the deeply felt desire to come to grips with the question of drug abuse and the way it is ruining the lives of our youth.

AGRICULTURE

Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville): Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to present a petition today on behalf of residents of southeastern Ontario, perhaps more than just from my own riding.

It is petitioning the government to dig in on the issue of article XI of GATT, not only keep it but to strengthen it.

The fascinating thing about this petition is that it is signed by hardware merchants, insurance salesmen, farm implement dealers and grain distributor dealers who are all affected if we do not have stability in the agricultural industry. We do not have it out west right now. We would like to keep some stability in the agricultural industry.

Mr. Speaker: I remind hon. members that under the new rules we only have so many minutes to present petitions. In any event, speeches are not supposed to be made. I know that hon. members would want to co-operate with their colleagues and not take up too much time in the presentation of petitions.

JUSTICE

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Mr. Speaker, I would like to present this petition to the House, that the undersigned residents of Canada, in support of the parents of Nina de Villiers, request that Parliament recognize that crimes of violence against the person are serious and abhorrent to society and amend the Criminal Code of Canada, the Bail Reform Act of 1972 and the Parole Act accordingly.

CANADA POST

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of hundreds of residents of Winnipeg, Manitoba. In their petition the undersigned residents of Canada avail themselves of their ancient undoubted right to present a grievance common to the petitioners and ask that the House provide a remedy for that.

In their petition they point out that the community around Empire Drugs consists of many seniors and lower income families relying heavily on the near-by services, including the complete range of services provided by the

local pharmacy. Therefore, the undersigned petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to do all it can within its mandate to gain reconsideration of the decision of Canada Post Corporation to discontinue postal services at this location.

GASOLINE PRICES

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from constituents and residents of the riding of Ottawa—Vanier dealing with the gasoline prices that are significantly higher in the Ottawa area than those in southern Ontario.

The petitioners say that such price disparity discriminates against the Ottawa area consumers, and to that effect they would like to call upon Parliament to urge the federal government to correct this injustice to Ottawa area motorists.

ADOPTIVE PARENTS

Mr. Steve Butland (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions. The first petition is primarily taken up by one individual in my community of Sault Ste. Marie, Jennifer Smart. The petition addresses the discriminatory practice as put into effect by this government against adoptive parents.

The operative clause is: "The government has failed to treat equally adoptive families who are a minority group in Canadian society and who are often unable to voice their concerns and fight for their rights due to concerns regarding confidentiality and discrimination toward their families". This is signed by 150 interested adoptive parents in my community.

CROATIA

Mr. Steve Butland (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, the second petition was passed to me by the member for Victoria and it gives me great honour and privilege to present it.

This petition addresses the frustration and helplessness that all Canadians feel with the events in Croatia and especially the actions of the Yugoslavian army which must be condemned.

The least we must do, and thousands of Ontarians are suggesting this, is recognize Croatia as an independent and sovereign democratic nation as 94 per cent of the people in Croatia have stated.