

Petitions

married over age children, and brothers and sisters, and would make it easier for them to immigrate to Canada to join their nuclear family and to contribute, as they always do, to the making of this nation.

There are many other recommendations, but Hon. Members will have to read them.

[Editor's Note: See Today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[Translation]

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PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION IN BYWARD MARKET

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present in the House a number of petitions—

[English]

This petition is from some of my constituents and indicates that whereas the Byward Market is a prime heritage area and a tourist attraction in the national capital, and whereas the City of Ottawa is considering a proposal permitting construction of a 17-storey building in the heart of the Byward Market, they ask and pray for the House to call upon the National Capital Commission to state its position on the above proposed construction in the Byward Market, as they have in the case of Sparks Street and other places in the City of Ottawa in years gone by.

RIDEAU HALL—PUBLIC'S ACCESS TO GROUNDS

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I also have some petitions to present from several hundred constituents and Canadians visiting the national capital region who object to the closing of the Rideau Hall grounds. As we know, the closing prevents many people from visiting and enjoying that public property. They pray that the House open that decision for consultation with citizens who are representative of a large and growing opposition to the closure of the grounds, in order to find a *modus vivendi* which will satisfy both government security measures and the right of the public to have access to the grounds.

NON-TRADITIONAL JOBS—ABOLITION OF PREFERENTIAL TILT

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, I wish to present a petition which is signed by several dozen people, mostly women who are in a training course in Toronto for non-traditional jobs. Their petition objects to the fact that the 30 per cent preferential tilt for women entering non-traditional jobs, sponsored by community employment centres, is now being abolished. The petitioners are students and some of their professors who are concerned about it being abolished. It is my honour to present the petition on their behalf.

CLOSURE OF POST OFFICE—LAKESIDE

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table a petition from the residents of Lakeside in the constituency of Oxford. They object to the closure of the post office without consultation, as does their Member, affecting over 250 residents of that area. They feel they have obtained good service from the post office and its rural routes. They also feel that their community is about the same size as other communities which receive similar service.

Mr. Bradley: Mr. Speaker, I have the Government response to certain petitions, and if I could have unanimous consent to revert to tabling of documents for a moment, I would present it.

Mr. Speaker: We will revert, for the second time today, to tabling of documents.

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GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Bud Bradley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the response of the Government to the following six petitions: 331-529, 331-530, 331-535, 331-550, 331-559, and 31-575.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

Mr. Bud Bradley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, Question No. 568 will be answered today.

[Text]

CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

Question No. 568—**Mr. Howie:**

As of January 1, 1986, by rank, what number of persons were serving in the regular force of the Canadian Armed Forces?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Associate Minister of National Defence):

As of January 1, 1986

Total All Ranks	83,910
General	1
Lieutenant General	9
Major General	33