

*Order Paper Questions*

foreign ownership, to develop Canadian energy resources in the best interests of Canadians, and to equalize opportunities between the regions of Canada.

Therefore, the petitioners are calling upon Parliament to dissolve to allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed trade deal during a national general election.

• (1110)

## SUPPORT FOR BILL C-54

**Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present two petitions. The first one is from a number of residents of Swift Current, Saskatchewan and concerns Bill C-54 which creates new laws against the production, sale, rental, and distribution of pornography.

The petitioners are concerned that the pressures exerted by various permissive minority groups may cause government to water down and weaken this legislation.

Therefore, the petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to support Bill C-54 as is and to pass the Bill without dilution in the belief that it gives recognition to the inherent dignity of individuals, particularly women and young people who are most vulnerable to exploitation in this area.

## BLOCK AVERAGING OF INCOME

**Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek):** Mr. Speaker, the second petition is from a number of residents of southwestern Saskatchewan who note that farmers and fishermen for many years have enjoyed the right to block average their income, and that on December 16, 1987 the Minister indicated his intention to eliminate block averaging.

The petitioners, therefore, call upon Parliament to take the necessary steps to retain block averaging for farmers and fishermen as recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs in its report on the *White Paper on Tax Reform, Stage One*.

## OPPOSITION TO TRANSPORT OF PLUTONIUM OVER NORTHERN CANADA

**Ms. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty under Standing Order 106 to present petitions signed by 175 residents from Eskimo Point, Northwest Territories, and Spence Bay, Northwest Territories.

These petitioners are concerned about possible environmental effects and contributions to nuclear proliferation by proposed plutonium flights over northern Canadian territory.

As a result, the petitioners humbly pray and call upon the Parliament of Canada to recognize the dangers of such flights and to say no to the transport of plutonium over northern Canadian territory.

## PROPOSED FREE TRADE

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to present two petitions. One is from residents of Toronto who say that the Mulroney-Reagan trade agreement between Canada and the United States will have a fundamental impact on Canada's economic, cultural, and political independence.

Therefore, they request that the Parliament of Canada obtain a clear mandate from the Canadian people through a national debate on the alternatives available to Canada and that this debate result in a national election prior to the signing of any such agreement.

The second petition is from residents of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, who say that the Conservative Government had no mandate from the Canadian people to conclude a free trade agreement with the United States.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), promised in accordance with bilateral trade negotiations, that Canada's sovereignty would not be compromised.

Therefore, they humbly pray and call upon Parliament to dissolve and allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed free trade agreement in a national general election.

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition. It is signed by Canadians who are concerned about the Government's trade deal with the United States.

They believe that it will have a fundamental impact on Canada's economic, cultural, and political independence. They believe that the agreement will also have an effect on job loss, especially in many different sectors in Canada and in the various regions of Canada.

Therefore, the undersigned request that the Parliament of Canada obtain a clear mandate from the Canadian people through a national debate on the alternatives available to Canada and that this debate result in a national election.

It is signed by many Canadians who are very concerned about the deal.

\* \* \*

[Translation]

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Richard Grisé (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, question No. 153 will be answered today.