

*Tabling of Documents*

With respect to Mr. Fulton's report, the Department and my colleague, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, continue to view his paper to be used as a guide for negotiations.

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[English]

**PETITIONS**

## GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

**Mr. John McDermid (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to nine petitions, Nos. 332-2959 and 332-2991 to 332-2998 inclusive.

## OPPOSITION TO TAX ON FOOD

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, I have the pleasure and obligation to table a petition signed by residents in Canada who visited the famous Byward Market in my riding this summer.

● (1210)

These petitioners would like to have the House consider their petition which states that, whereas since September, 1984, the federal Government has imposed on taxpayers 25 new taxes or tax increases, in particular, on medical supplies, dental supplies, snack foods, candies and soft drinks; whereas the federal Government in its tax reform proposal is studying the possibility of imposing on Canadians a general tax on goods and services, including food; whereas food constitutes a vital element in day-to-day life; and whereas the imposition of this tax could have the effect of seriously penalizing certain categories of taxpayers such as the aged, families, the unemployed, low-income taxpayers and youth; the undersigned humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject all measures that would have the effect of imposing a sales tax on food products.

## OPPOSITION TO LOCATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS TRANSFER POINT

**Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present two different petitions. The first one is from residents of Vancouver East who call on the Government to do away with the decision of the Canadian Transport Commission to locate the transfer point for dangerous goods at the Burlington Northern Railway ferry slip in Vancouver East, which presents an extreme hazard to the residents and the workers in the surrounding vicinity. They call on the House of Commons to order the CTC to immediately relocate the transfer of all hazardous commodities to a location outside the inner harbour of Vancouver.

## SUPPORT FOR BILL C-204—NON-SMOKERS' HEALTH ACT

**Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a group of petitions to present from Quebec, Manitoba, Nova Scotia and various parts of Ontario. The petitioners state that, whereas cigarette smoking is Canada's major preventable health hazard and is responsible for 35,000 deaths each year, and that secondary smoke is implicated in the deaths of 500 involuntary smokers each year, and that Bill C-204 seeks to protect the health of Canadians from these hazards, they call on Parliament to enact the Non-smokers' Health Act, Bill C-204.

**Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty to present a petition from a number of residents of Oshawa, Lindsay, Whitby, Mississauga, Guelph, North York, Oakville, Milton, Barrie, Minesing, Orillia and Burlington, Ontario. These people point out that cigarette smoking is the major preventable health hazard in Canada and responsible for 35,000 Canadian deaths each year, 500 of which are of involuntary smokers. They point out that Bill C-204 seeks to protect the health of Canadians by restricting the promotion of tobacco and guaranteeing smoke-free air to Canadian workers and travellers.

They therefore humbly pray and call upon Parliament to enact the Non-smokers' Health Act, Bill C-204.

**Ms. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present petitions from residents of Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan who recognize that cigarette smoking is one of Canada's major preventable health hazards and is responsible for over 35,000 deaths each year, as well as 500 deaths of involuntary smokers.

The petitioners wish to show that Bill C-204, which seeks to protect the health of Canadians by restricting the promotion of tobacco and guaranteeing smoke-free air to Canadian workers and travellers, should be supported.

Therefore the petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to enact the Non-smokers' Health Act, Bill C-204.

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and responsibility to present a duly certified petition from Canadians living in Williams Lake, Cranbrook, Victoria, Vernon, Calgary, Brandon, Winnipeg, The Pas, Dartmouth, and even Toronto, which points out that cigarette smoking is responsible for the deaths of some 35,000 Canadians each year and is Canada's major preventable health hazard. It is also implicated in the deaths of some 500 involuntary smokers.

Therefore the petitioners call upon Parliament to enact the Non-smokers' Health Act, Bill C-204, which will restrict the promotion of tobacco and guarantee smoke-free air to workers and travellers.

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present two petitions. One is signed by residents