

*Routine Proceedings*

## ALCOHOL

[Translation]

## PETITIONS

## VIOLENCE

**Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi):** Madam Speaker, I would like to table a petition from people in Belcourt, Senneterre, Barraute and Sullivan in Abitibi who say that violent movies on television are dangerous and therefore unacceptable, because they incite more violence.

They also say that all toys that incite violent games are unacceptable and should not be made. These people point out that information on violent acts which is repeated too often on all television stations and on radio can incite others to commit the same acts of violence.

Therefore the petitioners humbly ask Parliament to legislate on the above-mentioned points to eliminate violence in our society, protect our children more and give all our fellow citizens a better quality of life.

[English]

**Mr. Mike Breugh (Oshawa):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present petitions on two matters today. The first is from a number of constituents who are concerned that the laws of Canada do not deal with materials portraying torture, rape and murder as fun, including something called the serial killer board game.

## NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

**Mr. Mike Breugh (Oshawa):** Madam Speaker, the second petition comes from constituents who are equally concerned about the North American free trade agreement and want the government to disband it.

## VIOLENCE

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

**Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby):** Madam Speaker, I rise to present a petition signed by almost 4,000 people in British Columbia.

They say that alcohol is a drug and many people are unaware of the health risks posed by alcohol because it is so widely accepted in our society. This is especially true of pregnant women, many of whom do not know that drinking may lead to birth defects.

Alcohol consumption has also been linked to impairment of a person's ability to operate machinery or an automobile, hypertension, liver disease, cancer and addiction. Warning labels on alcohol have already been put into place in some jurisdictions.

Therefore these petitioners request that Parliament consider requiring labels on all alcoholic beverages to warn consumers, including pregnant women, of the health risks that are involved in the consumption of alcohol.

[Translation]

## LANGUAGE USED ON RADIO AND TELEVISION

**Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface):** Madam Speaker, these petitioners ask Parliament to monitor very closely the language used on radio and television. They also ask Parliament to eliminate violent acts as much as possible. They point out that their efforts are often undermined by what happens in the media. They also emphasize that it is not necessary to use vulgar language or violence to inform or entertain people.

• (1540)

[English]

## EDUCATION

**Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface):** Madam Speaker, the petitioners ask that the government review its policies with respect to education, in particular the 3 per cent tax on student loans as well as the goods and services tax on books and reading materials.

They point out that we have never had such a tax and reading is the cornerstone of democracy and competitiveness. They ask the government to act forthwith.