

Routine Proceedings

NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Mr. Speaker, my second petition relates to the North American free trade agreement.

The petitioners are pointing out that the North American free trade agreement cannot be remedied through renegotiation. They are calling upon this House to reject the proposed North American free trade agreement and to recommend to the government that it use its termination clause to end the U.S.—Canada Free Trade Agreement.

• (1020)

INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from many hundreds of people around the province of British Columbia, all the way from Coquitlam to Queen Charlotte city.

They note that teachers in our public and secondary schools, as well as those in post-secondary institutions, bear the burden of extra-curricular expenses to improve their professional skills and to acquire academic services and materials to further the education of our children.

They also note that the income tax provisions allow self-employed professionals and business people to deduct their operating expenses to improve their businesses and their offices, but unfairly refuses to allow teachers the same kind of deductions which they incur to better their teaching abilities.

They call on Parliament to request that the Minister of Finance and the Minister of National Revenue take action to amend the present income tax provisions to allow teachers who teach in educational institutions in Canada deductions for professional expenses made in the course of their employment.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I have a second petition which calls for certain changes to the Young Offenders Act.

I do not agree with the changes that are being proposed, but on behalf of these constituents I will table this petition in the House.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Mr. Dennis Mills (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the privilege of presenting petitions signed by citizens of Canada, most of them from the greater Toronto area.

They are humbly praying and calling upon Parliament to accept legislation designed to eliminate violence against women and children. They are also asking that relief and support be provided to women as mothers to protect their children and emphasize the need for abuser rehabilitation. They are also calling for a concentration and special effort on the training of police, lawyers, court workers and judges to become knowledgeable about women and child abuse and to focus public attention on this very important and long-ignored problem.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Lee Clark (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, if Question No. 422 could be made an Order for Return, the return would be tabled immediately.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Is it the pleasure of the House that Question No. 422 be deemed to have been made an Order for Return?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

[Text]

Question No. 422—**Mr. Boudria:**

With respect to public opinion polling contracts awarded by the government since April 1, 1992, (a) what was their total cost (b) what is the name of each Department requesting the poll (c) the name of the polling company (d) the value of each contract (e) were any of the contracts awarded by public tender offering and if not, why not?

Return tabled.

[English]

Mr. Clark (Brandon—Souris): I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.