

development opportunities between different regions. They also point out that the goal of the agreement stated by the Prime Minister was to secure guaranteed access to the United States market, and that that goal has failed. Therefore, the petitioners request that Parliament dissolve and allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject this proposed trade agreement during a national general election.

IRRADIATION OF FOOD

Mr. Elliott Hardey (Kent): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise and present petitions from the people of Chatham and Kent County. Approximately 600 people have attached signatures to these petitions, which have been properly certified for presentation.

The petitioners humbly pray that food irradiation not become part of food processing in this country, and that unbiased agencies and scientists complete studies of the safety of consuming food that has been irradiated. In the event that any food irradiation is permitted, it should be clearly labelled "treated with ionizing radiation".

NATIONAL FILM BOARD—BILLY BISHOP FILM

Mr. W. R. Bud Jardine (Northumberland—Miramichi): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition on behalf of 35 constituents from a number of communities in the southwest Miramichi area of my riding.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to urge the Government that the Minister of Communications (Miss MacDonald) instruct the National Film Board to take action to have the National Film Board production of *The Kid Who Couldn't Miss* removed from distribution because it defames, without proof whatsoever, Billy Bishop, V.C., Canada's most highly decorated serviceman. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

BLOCK AVERAGING OF INCOME

Mr. Jack Scowen (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition from my constituency of Mackenzie. The petition is from farmers and fishermen who are worried about the change in their income, and humbly pray and 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.

PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Rob Nicholson (Niagara Falls): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and pleasure to rise and present a petition which contains more than 1,300 names from residents of Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake, gathered in the parishes of Saint Antoine, St. Thomas More, St. Vincent de Paul, and Our Lady of the Scapular.

The petitioners state that because the Supreme Court of Canada has stripped all legal protection from unborn children,

and believing as they do in the sanctity of all human life, they call upon Parliament to immediately enact a new law to protect human life in all its stages, and with those sentiments I completely agree.

RESEARCH INTO PREVENTION AND CURE OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (York-Peel): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and privilege to present two identical petitions on behalf of residents of Newmarket, Aurora, Stouffville, Richmond Hill, and surrounding areas. The petitioners request that the Parliament of Canada ensure that research efforts related to the illness schizophrenia will be commensurate with the seriousness of this illness in Canada.

[Translation]

OPPOSITION TO CANADA POST PLAN

Mr. Raymond Garneau (Laval-des-Rapides): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a petition signed by nearly 150 residents of the electoral district of Laval-des-Rapides who call upon Parliament to reject Canada Post's corporate plan and urge the Corporation to deliver priority post, registered mail, certified mail and parcels to 550 Henri-Bourassa Boulevard.

Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this petition is to prevent the closing of the local post office.

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[English]

ARREST OF STUDENTS IN HONDURAS

Mr. Peter Peterson (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I rise to present three petitions to the House on behalf of constituents of mine. The first petition concerns students in Honduras who were recently arrested by Honduran security forces. Because Canada provides aid to Honduras, the petitioners humbly pray and call upon the Government to denounce the use of torture during the interrogation of suspects. They demand that the physical integrity of the person being interrogated be respected, that internationally recognized legal procedures be used to determine innocence or guilt, and that human and civil rights be respected in that country.

RESEARCH INTO PREVENTION AND CURE OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

Mr. Peter Peterson (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, the other two petitions are from constituents of mine who would like to point out to the House the seriousness of an illness called schizophrenia. They would like the Government to increase research efforts to the point where it is commensurate with the seriousness of the illness in Canada.

OPPOSITION TO TRANSPORT OF PLUTONIUM OVER NORTHERN CANADA

Ms. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present a petition signed by residents of Toronto, Ontario, Nova Scotia, and the Northwest Territories, concerning the agreement between the United States and