

It is a way of supporting and encouraging pride in our flag and in our heritage as Canadians. I would ask that this be supported by all members.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Saskatoon—Humboldt): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty to present petitions signed mainly by citizens of Quebec.

These petitioners are concerned with the illegal traffic of Haitian workers between Haiti and the Dominican Republic and with the treatment of these workers.

These petitioners call upon Parliament to encourage the government to take some significant action which would require these nations to respect the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

PROUD TO BE A CANADIAN PROJECT

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions. The first is from the Bells Corners Legion of Nepean, Branch No. 593, and also from the Nepean Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs. These petitioners support the "Proud to be Canadian Project" as an opportunity to nurture a positive life-long relationship with our heritage and our flag.

They ask that all members of this House support this concept.

CHRISTINE LAMONT AND DAVID SPENCER

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, the second petition with 200 signatories, some from Nepean and the Ottawa area generally, but there are signatures from right across this country, concerns the two Canadians, Christine Lamont and David Spencer, who have each been sentenced to 28 years in a Brazilian prison. They have suffered miscarriages of justice, cruel and unusual treatment in Brazilian prisons and the petitioners call upon Parliament to urge the Secretary of State for External Affairs to request the Government of Brazil to expel Christine and David and return them to Canada at once.

Routine Proceedings

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Ken James (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: No. 250, 256, 265.

[Text]

Question No. 250—**Mr. Rideout:**

Does the government intend to close the Canadian Forces Supply Depot in Moncton, New Brunswick and, if so, on what information or reports did the government base this decision and when is it to be closed?

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of National Defence): Yes, five Canadian Forces supply depots in Moncton will be closed.

The decision to close the supply depots follows a lengthy review of depot rationalization, during which the department considered a variety of options. A major consideration was the total force structure which depots must support.

The decision to close the depot is consistent with the domestic and international developments of the last two years, and the current realities. It is militarily logical and will result in substantial savings. In short, it will contribute to improving the operational capabilities of the Canadian Forces.

It is consistent, as well, with developments in private-sector business practices, and it takes advantage of newly available technological capabilities.

Starting immediately, activities at the Moncton depot will be drawn down, with the final closure forecast within the next three years.

Question No. 256—**Mr. MacDonald (Dartmouth)**

Has the Department of Transport taken any measures concerning possible overload failures of the RAMP software system at the Moncton Area Control Centre upon the Centre's amalgamation with the Halifax Terminal Control Unit and, if so, what are they?

Hon. Jean Corbeil (Minister of Transport): No, the design of the radar modernization project software for area control centres already has enough capacity to amalgamate the Halifax Terminal Control Unit.