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I repeat to the Hon. Member, as well as to the House generally, that we are moving as quickly as we can on experimental drugs, as well as having released, as I said earlier in the House, information to doctors concerning how experimental drugs and emergency drugs in fact can be released.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

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GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Richard Grisé (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to 92 petitions numbered as follows: 332-4313, 332-4314, 332-4331, 332-4333, 332-4334, 332-4337, 332-4341, 332-4352 to 332-4354 inclusive, 332-4361 to 332-4370 inclusive, 332-4464 to 332-4466 inclusive, 332-4471 to 332-4473 inclusive, 332-4477 and 332-4480.

[Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.]

ELDORADO NUCLEAR LIMITED REORGANISATION AND DIVESTITURE ACT

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec-Est): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the report of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-121, an Act to authorize the reorganization and divestiture of Eldorado Nuclear Limited and to amend certain Acts in consequence thereof.

I take this opportunity, Madam Speaker, to thank all the support staff, the researchers, the translators and especially our very devoted clerk, Christine Fisher, who helped make this committee one of the best that I have had the honour to chair.

[Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.]

[English]

PETITIONS

CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt—Lake Centre): Madam Speaker, I have a petition to present from some residents of my riding who point out that the present Government has no

mandate from the Canadian people to conclude a free trade agreement with the United States. The Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) promised in the course of the bilateral trade negotiations that Canada's trading sovereignty would not be compromised. They believe it has been.

They believe that the proposed trade agreement would deny Canada the policy freedom to determine its own economic future, and undermines our ability to build a society distinct from the United States.

They go on further to state that the proposed trade agreement not only denies Canadians the secure access to the U.S. market that was the key objective in these negotiations, but also threatens the loss of hundreds of thousands of Canadian jobs. Therefore, they call upon the Parliament of Canada to dissolve and allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed free trade agreement during a national general election.

PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by a number of constituents in the federal constituency of Hastings—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington who are calling upon Parliament to pass into law legislation that will protect the life of the unborn child from conception and at all stages of development, with the exception of the extremely rare situation in which an abortion is performed in order to save the life of the mother.

Mr. Jim Jepson (London East): Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to submit a duly certified petition pursuant to Standing Order 106. The undersigned do, by this petition, give notice to the Government of Canada that they are of the opinion that unborn children should be included within and protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call on the Parliament of Canada to enact such legislation.

IMMIGRATION—SPONSORING OF RELATIVES

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and pleasure pursuant to Standing Order 106 to present a petition from a number of residents of the City of Toronto. They point out that last year the then Minister of State for Immigration promised that unmarried sons and daughters of all ages would be considered as members of the family class of immigrants and that married children and brothers and sisters in the assisted relative class would get 15 points instead of 10 when assessed for immigration to Canada. They also point out that the former Minister of Justice in 1986 promised to remove the unfair distinction between Canadian citizens and permanent residents of three years or so in order that both groups would have equal rights to sponsor parents of any age. They point out that none of these important promises have yet been fulfilled by the Government and they call upon this House to ensure that the Government will fulfil its promises now.