

*Routine Proceedings*

[English]

**PETITIONS****COURT CHALLENGES PROGRAM**

**Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today pursuant to Standing Order 36 to submit a petition with regard to the Court Challenges Program. A number of individuals from the province of Ontario signed the first petition, as well as individuals from elsewhere in the country including the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, who are all objecting to the cancellation of the Court Challenges Program.

The petitioners call upon the Government of Canada to reinstate the Court Challenges Program which has benefited Canadians and minority groups across this country. They hope the government will act promptly in terms of reinstating the Court Challenges Program.

[Translation]

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to table ten more petitions today, further to a campaign by Canadians, urging the Parliament of Canada to review the government's decision to abolish the Court Challenges Program. As you know, this program enabled Canadians to go before the courts to defend their constitutional rights, to have them clarified and sometimes obtain recognition of those rights from the mostly provincial authorities.

The Court Challenges Program did not cost much—only about 10 cents per Canadian per year. It enabled Canadians to seek equal justice for all.

The people who signed these petitions call on Parliament to reconsider reinstating the Court Challenges Program which gives all Canadians equal access to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Mr. Speaker, we are happy to see that a committee of this House has unanimously supported the action taken by all these petitioners.

[English]

**NATIONAL UNITY**

**Mr. Ken Hughes (Macleod):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition today on behalf of constituents of the riding of Macleod resident in the area of Claresholm

and surrounding area, sponsored by the Kinsmen and Kinette clubs of Canada. It is a petition to promote pride in being Canadian, something which we are all proud to be.

Included on this petition I note the signature of a minister of the Government of Alberta as well. We are all proud to be Canadians.

**AIRPORT POLICY**

**Mr. Al Johnson (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege to table a petition under Standing Order 36 from a number of residents of Calgary North who are concerned that the Department of Transport may amend the present airport policy which has insulated the citizens of Calgary North from noise generated by the airport since 1986.

• (1510)

The petitioners urge that the Department of Transport maintain the present airport policy regarding runway No. 28 which requires that all departing flights make a 15 degree turn to the north.

**GOODS AND SERVICES TAX**

**Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present two petitions from constituents in the Scarborough area.

They feel strongly about the imposition of the GST on books and call upon Parliament to reinstate the tax free status for the printed word by reinstating the zero rate in the GST regulations.

**HOUSING**

**Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River):** Mr. Speaker, I have a second petition from constituents in the east metro Toronto area which calls on the government to participate in shared cost provincial and federal co-op housing. It calls on the government to maintain its participation in the field and to maintain the existence of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

**YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT**

**Mr. Felix Holtmann (Portage—Interlake):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present nine petitions from Portage la Prairie, Carman, Oakville and surrounding municipalities signed by hundreds of people in the area.