

Petitions

ed as they are with the survival of human kind and this planet, are important to this House and to all of Canada. Pursuant to the Standing Order, I wish formally to present these petitions.

Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, in connection with the same subject I should like to read the petition. To the Hon. House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled the petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth whereas the petitioners, all signatories of the Peace Petition Caravan campaign, refuse the testing of the Cruise missile in Canada and reject research, production, testing and transport of any nuclear weapons, their delivery systems or components in Canada—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Ms. Jewett: May I continue, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: No. I think the Hon. Member knows that she is putting me in some difficulty by attempting to read the petition into the record. I ask her please to follow the normal traditions and to give a summary so that we may deal with this matter, as I think we all want to deal with it today.

Ms. Jewett: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, I consulted the petitions people and they informed me that it was quite in order to explain what the nature of the petition was.

Mr. Speaker: Yes, I absolutely agree that it is in order to explain the nature of the petition. But the Hon. Member is verging on simply reading the petition into the record. Could I therefore ask the Member to summarize the petition, please?

Ms. Jewett: The petitioners also ask, Mr. Speaker, that Canada be declared a nuclear-weapons-free zone and that wasteful spending on the arms race be diverted to fund human needs as to ensure prosperity through peace. And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

CPR LEVEL CROSSING IN OSHAWA, ONT.

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, I rise to present a petition under the provisions permitting Members to bring to the House petitions signed by our constituents.

I have the honour to present a petition signed by over 6,000 citizens of Oshawa who are deeply concerned about the continuing hazard that results from a certain CPR level crossing in that community.

● (1520)

Mr. Speaker: I understand there is an understanding with regard to the petitions of the Right Hon. Member for Yellowhead (Mr. Clark), the Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray) and the Hon. Member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Ms. Jewett). I think the record should show for those con-

cerned that the House will want to treat all the other matters, which I believe were sent to *Journals*, as deemed to have been filed with the Clerk at the Table. Is that understood?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT RESPECTING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR CERTAIN OFFENCES

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-202, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (capital punishment).

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Domm: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to amend the Criminal Code, thereby permitting capital punishment for everyone who commits high treason and everyone who commits first degree murder.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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[Translation]

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-203, an Act to amend the Official Languages Act (supremacy of the Act) and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to affirm the supremacy of the Official Languages Act over all other legislation and regulations of Parliament. It provides amendments to the Bank Act, the Railway Act and the Winding-up Act with a view to stressing its characteristic as the basic Canadian legislation.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.