

They point out that what happens very often verges on the abusive and is at times violent. They ask that Parliament do its job in this regard.

[*Translation*]

The same petitioners indicated that often what happens on radio or television goes against the principles parents want to teach their children.

[*English*]

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, in the second instance a group of petitioners ask that the government review its policy with respect to the goods and services tax on books and reading materials.

They point out that no modern democracy has such a tax and that we have never had one since Confederation.

It goes counter to the basic principles of a democracy that is getting people involved in learning and contributing. It is also counteracting the government's stated principles of increased productivity and more competitiveness.

The petitioners say it has been very hard on publishers and other industries including groups such as artists, students and so on.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, the petitioners therefore call upon the government to remove this pernicious tax.

[*English*]

JUSTICE

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from people in the Sault Ste. Marie area of Ontario. They request that we deal more harshly with people who molest children and that people who commit murder of children at the time of molesting them suffer capital punishment.

I think the petition bears a lot of good sense.

OLD AGE SECURITY

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the pleasure of depositing another petition which puts into the thousands the number of senior citizens who are

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asking the government to re-evaluate the Canadian Old Age Security pensions so that they truly reflect the real needs of Canadian seniors.

The response from the government to the other petitions I have deposited leaves me and many of our seniors bewildered. They say that 82 per cent of those over the age of 65 felt that their current income and investments satisfied their needs either adequately or very well and that 70 per cent of that age group whose incomes were under \$10,000 a year say these incomes were either meeting their needs adequately or very well.

I really put that into question. I suggest we do another survey on seniors who are earning under \$10,000.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Brian O'Kurley (Elk Island): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour of presenting two petitions which include the names of hundreds of people from in and around the riding of Elk Island.

The petitioners are from communities like Tofield, Sherwood Park, Fort Saskatchewan, Beaumont, Ardrossan, Bruderheim and the county of Strathcona. They are concerned about the Young Offenders Act and are asking Parliament either to strengthen the Young Offenders Act or replace it by legislation that will act as a stronger deterrent to criminal activity among our nation's young people.

The petitioners are primarily concerned with repeat violent offenders and ask Parliament to bring in legislation that would make young offenders more accountable for their crimes.

VIOLENCE

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am privileged to present a petition from hundreds of my constituents who are very concerned about increasing violence in our society.

The petitioners say the present laws are inadequate and fail to deter those who commit violent crimes. They ask Parliament to enact with great speed greater protection for the public and laws with harsher penalties to deal with these offenders.