

*Routine Proceedings***PETITIONS**

## CRIMINAL CODE

**Mr. Mac Harb (Ottawa Centre, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I have in my hand two petitions I would like to table, pursuant to Standing Order 36.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mr. Mac Harb (Ottawa Centre, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I have two more petitions I would like to table.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mr. David Iftody (Provencher, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I too have some petitions I would like to table today, and with your permission I will read from one of them: "That because the inclusion of sexual orientation in the Canadian Human Rights Act will provide certain groups with special status, rights and privileges; that because these special rights and privileges would be granted solely on the basis of sexual behaviour; that because inclusion will infringe on the historic rights of Canadians, such as the freedom of religion, conscience, expression and association; therefore your petitioners call on Parliament to oppose any amendment to the Canadian Human Rights Act or the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms which provides for the inclusion of the phrase sexual orientation".

## GUN CONTROL

**Mr. David Iftody (Provencher, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, with your indulgence I will table petitions from my constituents on gun control: "That the proposed amendments to the firearms control legislation by Justice Minister Rock are unduly harsh and will waste dwindling financial resources while attacking the rights of law-abiding citizens; therefore your petitioners request that Parliament separate these two issues, proceed to strengthen the borders and strengthen measures to deal with criminal firearms but not proceed with the proposed enhanced controls on legal ownership of firearms".

[Translation]

## HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mr. Gilles Duceppe (Laurier—Sainte-Marie, BQ):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to present a petition in due form under House regulations which was signed by 83 citizens.

The petition reads as follows: We, the undersigned residents of Canada, would like to draw to the House's attention the following: That some hon. members recently made hateful statements which contribute to the climate of intolerance, fear and violence in which lesbians, gays and bisexuals live; that more than 80 per cent of all Canadians feel that gays, lesbians and bisexuals are the victims of discrimination and that many gays and lesbians are harassed, beaten and even killed in the violent expression of that discrimination.

He said: Mr. Speaker, this bill, an act to provide for improved information on the cost of proposed government programs, is something that is long overdue in this place.

Basically the bill would provide that any new programs introduced into the House are properly costed beforehand. That costing and the methodologies used therein would be supported by the auditor general. In other words, the auditor general would actually review the costing methods used and certify them as being appropriate. That legislation, wherever it is advertised and promoted, would also include certification by the auditor general and also the actual cost, not only of the total program but also on a per capita basis for all the taxpayers of Canada.

• (1510)

I believe this would give us more control over our financial picture and would certainly give better information to the public on how much these programs cost.

(Motions deemed adopted, bill read the first time and printed.)

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**COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE**

## ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I think you will find consent for the following motion.

I move:

That pursuant to its order of reference dated February 10, 1994, the date for the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development to present its report to the House on its review of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act be extended to June 20, 1995.

(Motion agreed to.)

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIV-AIDS

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I think you will find unanimous consent for the following motion.

I move:

That the Subcommittee on HIV-AIDS be authorized to send a member of its research staff to the fifth annual conference on HIV-AIDS research, to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 8 to 11, 1995.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for the motion just made by the parliamentary secretary?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**An hon. member:** No.

**The Deputy Speaker:** There is not unanimous consent.