

Routine Proceedings

[English]

This bill would ensure a greater independence of the Auditor General of Canada, would make the House of Commons responsible for his or her appointment, and I believe strongly that it would help us to better account to Canadians for public funds.

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

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PETITIONS

Mr. Art Hanger (Calgary Northeast): Mr. Speaker, I am seeking unanimous consent to move the following motion:

That notwithstanding Standing Orders 132 and 140, a petition for a private bill from Garth Wagner and others, presented on Friday, June 3, 1994, and reported on by the clerk of petitions on Monday, June 6, 1994, be deemed to have been filed within the required time limit and received by this House.

(Motion agreed to.)

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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

That between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 1994 the Speaker shall entertain no quorum calls nor shall he receive any dilatory motion.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Does the parliamentary secretary have the unanimous consent of the House to propose the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

(Motion agreed to.)

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

HUMAN RIGHTS AND STATUS OF DISABLED PERSONS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons) moved:

That a member of the Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Status of Disabled Persons be authorized to travel to Fredericton, New Brunswick, to attend a meeting of the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons, to be held from June 23 to June 25, 1994.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Does the parliamentary secretary have the unanimous consent of the House to move the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

(Motion agreed to.)

[English]

PETITIONS

ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA

Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, I have three petitions today. The first one is from some 100 residents of the federal riding of Kamloops who have asked me to present this petition.

The petitioners pray that Parliament ensure that the present provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting assisted suicide be enforced vigorously and that Parliament make no changes in the law which would sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or active or passive euthanasia.

WITNESS PROTECTION

Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions signed by residents of my constituency, Scarborough West, the first of which deals with the issue of crime prevention and makes the suggestion that one way to help alleviate what seems to be a rash of crime is to protect witnesses who may have evidence that can lead to the apprehension and incarceration of criminals.

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In that regard they call upon Parliament to enact a witness protection bill. More specifically, they pray that Parliament enact Bill C-206, which happens to be my bill, at the earliest opportunity so as to provide a statutory foundation for a national witness relocation and protection program.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition signed by residents of my riding in which they pray and request that Parliament not amend the Canadian Human Rights Act or the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in any way which would tend to indicate societal approval of same sex relationships or of homosexuality, including amending the Human Rights Act to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase sexual orientation.

Some have said, incorrectly in my view, that this is a matter of human rights legislation but as we all know every person in Canada has the protection of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the rights stated in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms regardless of what they do or do not do in their bedrooms.

SERIAL KILLER CARDS

Mr. Janko Peric (Cambridge): Mr. Speaker, my first petition concerns serial killer cards. One hundred and ten residents of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo have signed this petition. These petitioners feel that these cards glorify violence and show