

Routine Proceedings

SENIORS

Mr. John Maloney (Erie, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I am pleased to present a petition on behalf of over 70 senior citizens from the Fort Erie area of my riding.

The petitioners ask Parliament to consider that many senior citizens have difficulty living on their current incomes. They ask that their voices and concerns be taken into account when we initiate federal policy.

The seniors ask that we as parliamentarians prevent cuts to the social benefits of senior citizens.

CRIMINAL CODE

Mr. Harold Culbert (Carleton—Charlotte, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I wish to present a petition signed by some 144 constituents of Carleton—Charlotte from the Nackawic, Temperancevale, Millville, Prince William and Dumfries areas.

The petitioners call upon Parliament to request that the government disallow the defence of extreme intoxication as used recently in the courts and amend the Criminal Code accordingly.

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Derek Wells (South Shore, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to table a petition signed by 520 people mostly from Lunenburg, Queens and Shelburne counties in my riding of South Shore.

The petitioners are opposed to the implementation of further gun controls, specifically registration; further restrictions on the sale of ammunition; and the restriction or prohibition of certain handguns.

They feel the legislation unfairly targets gun owners and will do little to deter the criminal use of firearms.

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

Mr. Lee Morrison (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have only one petition to table pursuant to Standing Order 36. It is signed by 115 constituents mainly from the town of Assiniboia.

The petitioners pray that the government not consider further tax increases. They pray and request that Parliament reduce government spending and implement a taxpayers protection act to limit federal spending.

Unfortunately the petition is moot, the budget disaster having already happened.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Monte Solberg (Medicine Hat, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have several petitions to present today. The first one is in opposition to any move by the government to include the term sexual orientation in the Canadian Human Rights Act.

It is from petitioners ranging from Moncton, New Brunswick, to Dover, New Brunswick, to Ottawa, Ontario, and right into British Columbia. I am very proud to say that I support the petition.

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Monte Solberg (Medicine Hat, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I am also proud to present today a petition from the people of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, and area who are very opposed to Bill C-68.

They wish the government to pursue other means of enforcing current firearms legislation and not to introduce new legislation that would turn law-abiding gun owners into criminals.

The Deputy Speaker: Order, please. There are so many members waiting that perhaps the member could present the others at another time in order to be fair to everybody.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Jack Frazer (Saanich—Gulf Islands, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, it is my duty and honour to rise in the House to present a petition, duly certified by the clerk of petitions, on behalf of 25 constituents of Galiano Island.

The petitioners call upon Parliament to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to protect individuals from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

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Ms. Mary Clancy (Halifax, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I rise to present petitions from constituents of mine, people from Ottawa and all across the country.

They contain hundreds of names and call upon Parliament to act quickly to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and to adopt all necessary measures to recognize the full equality of same sex relationships in federal law.

Mr. Stan Dromisky (Thunder Bay—Atikokan, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from constituents of Thunder Bay—Atikokan and Thunder Bay—Nipigon requesting that Parliament not amend the Canadian Human Rights Act or the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in any way that would tend to indicate societal approval of same sex relationships or of homosexuality, including amending the Canadian Human Rights Act to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase sexual orientation.

VIA RAIL

Mr. Stan Dromisky (Thunder Bay—Atikokan, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the second petition requests that Parliament reinstate the VIA Rail passenger train service in Thunder Bay with appropriate connecting service throughout the country.