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CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-275, an act to amend the Criminal Code (human being).

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall the hon. member have leave to introduce the bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: There is a private member's bill standing in the name of Mr. Boudria. Mr. Boudria is not here at the present time. Is there unanimous consent to allow—

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: We have the same issue this time with respect to Mr. Brewin who is not present in the House. Is there unanimous consent—

Some Hon. Members: No.

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CANADA LABOUR CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Lyle Kristiansen (Kootenay West—Revelstoke) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-276, an act to amend the Canada Labour Code (unjust dismissal).

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall the hon. member have leave to introduce the bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Kristiansen: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to provide that no employer may suspend, discharge or impose any financial or other penalty on a person employed by him, or take any other disciplinary action against such a person by reason of that person having refused to perform an act that he has reasonable cause to believe is prohibited by law.

Essentially, this kind of bill is called whistle blowing legislation. It can be used by employees, whether public

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or private, to ensure that they can act as policemen of the environment or any other law, edict or regulation, federal, provincial or local.

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PETITIONS

RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Gus Mitges (Bruce—Grey): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to present petitions from the city of North Bay, Ontario, containing the signatures of 1,900 citizens who believe passionately in the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception. They fervently oppose the taking of innocent human life through abortion.

The petitioners call upon Parliament to pass legislation that will protect life from conception. I wholeheartedly endorse that position.

• (1150)

Mr. Alex Kindy (Calgary Northeast): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the pleasure to introduce petitions signed by 2,885 Albertans who ask the government to pass legislation that would protect the life of the unborn. I support such legislation.

[*Translation*]

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, today I am tabling ten more petitions in the House on behalf of Canadians who object to the proposed 9 per cent goods and services tax, which will take effect on January 1, 1991, unless the Conservative Government heeds the advice of your petitioners and reverses its decision. Your petitioners say:

That the goods and services tax will increase the cost of living of Canadians. This universal tax will be hidden, and it will be impossible for the consumer to detect or monitor the tax.

That this new universal goods and services tax will create serious and unfair hardship for low- and middle-income Canadians. And finally,

That the tax will put a heavy financial burden on small business.