

Routine Proceedings

affordable and accessible health care and more appropriate and adequate pensions.

They ask government that whenever it undertakes any legislative or program changes, it reflect upon its seniors, their contributions and the changing demographics in Canada.

MEDIA

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, in the second instance we have petitioners who condemn abuse in the media, whether it be physical abuse, abusive language or other forms of abuse. They point out that abuse often counteracts the efforts of parents to raise their children. They also point out that abuse is not necessary in order to entertain or to inform.

VIETNAM

Mrs. Jan Brown (Calgary Southeast): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am pleased to present a petition duly signed by 95 constituents from my riding of Calgary Southeast.

These 95 constituents are petitioning Parliament to use trade sanctions to urge the communist government in Hanoi, Vietnam to eliminate human rights abuses, establish a multi-party democracy by the means of free elections, respect human rights, release all political prisoners and respect religious freedom.

Finally, the petitioners urge that Parliament make representation to the United Nations High Commissioner to ensure that all Vietnamese refugees are treated with fairness and dignity.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Ms. Maria Minna (Beaches—Woodbine): Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a petition from a group of constituents who wish for the government to toughen the Young Offenders Act. It is my duty to table over 150 signatures from my riding.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. John Cummins (Delta): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am pleased to present the following petition which reads in part: "Your petitioners pray and request that Parliament not amend the human rights code, 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 Code to include in the prohibitive grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase sexual orientation."

Mr. John Finlay (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the duty to present two petitions today.

The first petition is from 534 constituents of the riding of Oxford. These petitioners request that Parliament not amend the human rights code, 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 code to include in the prohibitive grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase sexual orientation.

ETHANOL

Mr. John Finlay (Oxford): The second petition, Mr. Speaker, I present on behalf of my colleague from Kent. This petition is signed by hundreds of the constituents of Kent who call upon the government support a domestic ethanol industry in light of the fact that a \$170 million plant for Chatham is in jeopardy without federal involvement. Since legislative support of ethanol is Liberal policy, the petitioners want it to become government policy.

ABORTION

Mr. Jay Hill (Prince George—Peace River): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am presenting six petitions on three subjects on behalf of the constituents from Cecil Lake, Tumbler Ridge, Fort St. John, Dawson Creek and other communities in the Prince George—Peace River riding.

The first two petitions call upon the House of Commons to act to extend protection to unborn children by amending the Criminal Code.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Jay Hill (Prince George—Peace River): Mr. Speaker, the next two petitions request that Parliament not amend the human rights code, the Canadian Human Rights Act or the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in any way which would tend to indicate societal approval of same sex relationships or to include sexual orientation explicitly in the prohibited grounds for discrimination.

ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA

Mr. Jay Hill (Prince George—Peace River): Mr. Speaker, the last two petitions are petitioning Parliament to make no changes to the law which would allow or sanction assisted suicide or passive or active euthanasia.

[Translation]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mr. René Canuel (Matapédia—Matane): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table today in this House a petition that circulated in my riding and in other eastern Quebec ridings. The stations in Matane, Sept-Îles and Rimouski closed down in 1990, which led to job losses and deprived the population of important communication and development vehicles.

This petition asks the federal government to reopen Radio-Canada television stations in eastern Quebec so that the population can be served well by state television. I hope that this House will take the petitioners' request into consideration.