

Routine Proceedings

The petitioners pray that our streets will be made safer for law-abiding citizens and the families of the victims of convicted murderers.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Dick Harris (Prince George—Bulkley Valley, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am pleased to present four petitions from the riding of Prince George—Bulkley Valley all to do with the issue of euthanasia.

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 change to the law which would sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or active or passive euthanasia.

The first petition is from the Mennonite Brethren, Nechako Community Church in Vanderhoof, B.C. The second petition dealing with euthanasia is also from Vanderhoof, B.C. The third and fourth petitions are from Prince George, B.C. I am pleased to say that I personally support all four of these petitions.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Sarkis Assadourian (Don Valley North, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure of presenting two petitions from the citizens of Ottawa South, one of them signed by 55 members of the riding.

The first petition calls upon Parliament to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to protect individuals from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

YOUNG OFFENDERS

Mr. Sarkis Assadourian (Don Valley North, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the second petition signed by 63 members of the community asks that the names of young offenders be released. It also asks that the age limit for young offenders be lowered to allow the punishment to meet the severity of the crime.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Ovid L. Jackson (Bruce—Grey, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to table four petitions on behalf of residents of my riding of Bruce—Grey.

Three of the petitions request that Parliament not amend the human rights code, the human rights act or the charter of rights and freedoms in any way that would indicate societal approval for same sex relationships or of homosexuality, including amending the human rights code to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase of sexual orientation.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Ovid L. Jackson (Bruce—Grey, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the last petition requests 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.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Bob Mills (Red Deer, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to rise in the House and present two separate petitions signed by my constituents from Red Deer.

With respect to the first petition the citizens express their disapproval to the government regarding any privileges extended to same sex relationships.

Therefore, the petitioners humbly 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 and that the present provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting assisted suicide be enforced vigorously.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Bob Mills (Red Deer, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, in the second petition the citizens express their sentiments and great concern with respect to the aiding or abetting of suicide or active or passive euthanasia.

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Lee Morrison (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to table three petitions from constituents of my riding.

The first petition was signed by 133 members of the Shaunavon Wildlife Association at their annual awards banquet. They state that gun control regulations in Canada are already excessive and without evident benefit. Therefore, they call upon us in Parliament to desist from passing additional restrictive legislation with respect to firearms or ammunition and to direct our attention to the apprehension and adequate punishment of those who criminally misuse firearms or other deadly weapons.

I heartily concur with that petition.

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CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

Mr. Lee Morrison (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, my second petition is also from constituents of mine, mostly in the Pangman, Truax and Ogema districts of Saskatchewan, requesting that the Canadian Wheat Board continue to be the sole marketing agency for export wheat and barley sales.

RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Lee Morrison (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the final petition has 65 signatures of constituents mostly from the Swift Current area. They are petitioning the House to immediately amend the Criminal Code to extend protection to the unborn child, to extend the same protection enjoyed by born human beings to unborn human beings.