

They point out however that there has been some progress made in this area and they applaud the government and the CRTC for their efforts.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Paul E. Forseth (New Westminster—Burnaby, Ref.): Madam Speaker, I present today three petitions from constituents of New Westminster—Burnaby as well as from other parts of British Columbia.

In the first two, the petitioners state that physicians should be working to save lives and not to end them. They 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 that would sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or active or passive euthanasia.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Paul E. Forseth (New Westminster—Burnaby, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, in the third petition, petitioners from B.C.'s lower mainland pray and request 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 Human Rights Act to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase sexual orientation.

ROBERT LATIMER

Mr. Gordon Kirkby (Prince Albert—Churchill River, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I present a petition compiled by Jamie and Janet Bassett from my riding of Prince Albert—Churchill River.

The petition has been signed by approximately 14,400 Canadians and requests that Parliament grant conditionally or unconditionally a pardon to Mr. Robert Latimer of Wilkie for a second degree murder conviction.

While I respectfully disagree with the petition, I hold the Bassetts in high regard. I respect their viewpoint and their right to express it, and the viewpoint of the many thoughtful Canadians who have signed this petition.

I present this petition on their behalf.

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MINING INDUSTRY

Ms. Roseanne Skoke (Central Nova, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have two petitions to table.

The first states that Canada's mining industry is a mainstay of employment in over 150 communities across Canada, an important contributor to Canada's gross domestic product in total exports and a cornerstone of our economic future.

Therefore, the petitioners call on Parliament to take action that will increase employment in this sector, promote explora-

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tion and rebuild Canada's mineral reserves, sustain mining communities and keep mining in Canada.

I concur with this petition.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Ms. Roseanne Skoke (Central Nova, Lib.): Madam Speaker, in the second petition the 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 that would tend to indicate societal approval of same sex relationships or of homosexuality, including amending the human rights code to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase, sexual orientation.

I concur with this petition.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mrs. Diane Ablonczy (Calgary North, Ref.): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition on behalf of constituents of Calgary North, praying that Parliament ensure that the present provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting assisted suicide be enforced vigorously.

This petition is signed by more than 25 members of the Calgary North constituency.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have a petition on behalf of my constituents and residents from the greater Toronto area. The petitioners claim that the majority of Canadians believe that the privileges society accords to heterosexual couples should not be extended to same sex relationships.

The petitioners pray and request 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.

ROBERT LATIMER

Mr. Len Taylor (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake, NDP): Madam Speaker, it my duty and privilege to present a petition signed by approximately 3,000 Canadians, the majority of whom reside in the Battlefords—Meadow Lake constituency.

The petition was collected and brought to my attention by the Woodrow family of Battleford, Saskatchewan. It notes the conviction of Robert Latimer for second degree murder with no chance of parole for 10 years.

The petitioners request that Parliament grant Robert Latimer of Wilkie, Saskatchewan a pardon conditionally or unconditionally for his conviction of second degree murder in the death of his daughter Tracy Latimer.