

Routine Proceedings

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Glen McKinnon (Brandon—Souris, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the third petition was signed by individuals from Cromer, Oak Lake, Kenton and Virden.

They call upon Parliament to ensure that the present provisions of the Criminal Code that prohibit assisted suicide be vigorously enforced 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.

Mr. Benoît Serré (Timiskaming—French River, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by 40 people from my riding to present.

They pray and call upon Parliament to ensure that the present version of the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting assisted suicide be enforced vigorously and that Parliament make no change in the law that would sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or active or passive euthanasia.

I concur with the petition.

RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Benoît Serré (Timiskaming—French River, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have another petition signed by 40 people to present.

They pray and call upon Parliament to act immediately to extend protection to the unborn child by amending the Criminal Code to extend the same protection enjoyed by born human beings to unborn human beings.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Benoît Serré (Timiskaming—French River, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the next petition was signed by 112 people from my riding.

They pray and call upon Parliament not to amend the human rights code, the 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 homosexuality.

I concur with all the petitions.

JUSTICE

Mr. Monte Solberg (Medicine Hat, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the first petition I wish to present calls upon Parliament not to allow drunkenness as a defence.

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

Mr. Monte Solberg (Medicine Hat, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the second petition I am introducing calls upon Parliament to reduce government spending instead of increasing taxes.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Monte Solberg (Medicine Hat, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the third petition speaks in favour of inclusion of sexual orientation in the Human Rights Act.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Monte Solberg (Medicine Hat, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the final petition I wish to present calls for stiffer sentences under the Young Offenders Act.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mrs. Rose-Marie Ur (Lambton—Middlesex, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table two petitions signed by the constituents of Lambton—Middlesex and surrounding areas that have been duly certified by the clerk of petitions pursuant to Standing Order 36.

In the first one the petitioners call upon Parliament not to impose any amendments to the Canadian human rights act or the charter of rights and freedoms that provide for the inclusion of the phrase sexual orientation.

JUSTICE

Mrs. Rose-Marie Ur (Lambton—Middlesex, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, in the second petition the petitioners request that the Criminal Code of Canada and other relevant acts be amended so that extreme drunkenness as a defence in any criminal case could not be used.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Ed Harper (Simcoe Centre, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I wish to present three petitions on behalf of the constituents of Simcoe Centre.

The first petition is on the issue of euthanasia. The petitioners request that Parliament not sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or euthanasia.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Ed Harper (Simcoe Centre, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the second petition deals with the issue of sexual orientation.

The petitioners request that the Government of Canada not amend the human rights act to include the phrase sexual orientation.

The petitioners fear that such an inclusion will lead to homosexuals receiving the same benefits and societal privileges as married people.

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

Mr. Ed Harper (Simcoe Centre, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the third and final petition is from my riding and it is quite timely. It was collected by small businessmen from my riding, including Mr. Don Campbell, Ms. Helen Russel, Dr. John Hunter, Ms. Karin Knitter, Mr. Dan Mallory, Mr. Michael Douglas and Ms. Faye Chappell.

The petitioners request that with Canadians already overburdened with taxation due to high government spending Parliament should reduce government spending instead of increasing taxes.

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Mr. Guy H. Arseneault (Restigouche—Chaleur, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the petition has been certified correct as to form and