

The Standing Committee on Multiculturalism therefore puts forward major recommendations to accomplish this and asks the Government and all Hon. Members to give these recommendations their serious consideration.

[*Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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MARRIAGE (PROHIBITED DEGREES) ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Rob Nicholson (Niagara Falls) moved that Bill S-5 (from the Senate), an Act to amend and consolidate the laws prohibiting marriage between related persons, be read the first time.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a Bill that will amend and consolidate the laws prohibiting marriage between related persons. It is straightforward and will clear up any confusion that may exist with respect to prohibited classes of individuals entering marriage. This matter has received full consideration and has been passed by the other place. I hope that it receives speedy passage in the House.

Motion agreed to and Bill read the first time.

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PETITIONS

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION DEALING WITH STRIP CLUBS

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I rise to present a petition to the House signed by some 45 people in the Windsor area. It calls on the federal Government to amend the Criminal Code to make it possible for provincial Governments to more easily deal with the problem of the proliferation of strip clubs, a problem concerning many in the Windsor area.

This petition, while signed by some 45 people, represents petitions signed by some 20,000 people in the Windsor area calling for the kind of action spelled out in the petition. In this regard, there will also be petitions presented by my colleagues from the Windsor area.

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, I too have a petition to present which calls on the Government to make changes to the Criminal Code which will delegate to provincial Governments the capacity through their liquor licensing laws to regulate and to control strip clubs in the City of Windsor and, of course, elsewhere in the Province of Ontario.

This subject has been of great concern to the citizens of Windsor for many months. I am very pleased to present this petition from approximately 50 Windsor residents, which

petition represents a much greater number of people who have also signed petitions in this city.

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with my colleagues from Windsor in tabling a petition signed by some 50 people from the Windsor area representing some 20,000 people who have signed similar petitions. They are concerned about the proliferation of adult entertainment parlours in that city, particularly with respect to the apparent involvement of criminal elements in this activity. They seek the enactment of legislation which would allow the province to pass laws regulating and governing the manner of dress or degree of nudity of persons employed by or in establishments providing adult entertainment.

OPPOSITION TO NEW SYSTEM OF TAXATION OF NORTHERN BENEFITS

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition in which the petitioners express their opinion that the new system of taxation of northern benefits hurts people, especially in the communities of Thompson and Wabowden, that the taxing of northern benefits is heavy-handed and complicated, taking away benefits intended to compensate employees for loss of amenities.

The undersigned call upon the House of Commons to direct the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) to reconsider this system of taxing northern benefits as part of tax reform. This petition is signed by people from Thompson, Wabowden, Lynn Lake, Leaf Rapids, Flin Flon and The Pas, Manitoba.

UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO FAIR ORAL HEARINGS BEFORE REFUGEE BOARD

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, it my honour and pleasure to present a petition from more than 400 Canadians from places such as Toronto, Whitehorse, Vancouver and other parts of British Columbia, Alberta, Winnipeg, Windsor, Smith's Falls, Perth, London, Ontario, Kelowna, Halifax and Ottawa.

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The petitioners are very concerned for the many people who are driven by persecution to seek safety in Canada and for the breakdown of the previous system of refugee determination.

They support the proposal put forward by the Standing Committee on Labour, Employment and Immigration a year and a half ago, which had all-Party support and was also endorsed by the Canadian Council of Churches, many members of the Bar Association, the Canadian Jewish Congress, and others.

They urge that Parliament enact legislation which will embody the principles of fair and quick oral hearings for refugee claimants before a refugee board independent of the Immigration Commission, universal access to such hearings for