

Routine Proceedings

like to inform the House that I share the opinion of the petitioners.

[English]

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

Mr. Jim Silye (Calgary Centre, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege today to present two petitions.

The first petition has a total of 125 signatures from Calgary area constituents calling on Parliament to reduce government spending and implement a taxpayers protection act to limit federal spending.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Jim Silye (Calgary Centre, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the second petition has a total of 32 signatures from Calgarians who ask Parliament to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to protect individuals from discrimination based on sexual orientation, sending a clear message of equality for everyone.

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Philip Mayfield (Cariboo—Chilcotin, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present eight petitions signed by over 2,000 constituents from my riding of Cariboo—Chilcotin.

The petitioners are of the opinion that existing gun controls on law-abiding responsible firearms owners are more than enough to ensure public safety.

Therefore they call upon Parliament, first, to support laws that will severely punish all violent criminals who use weapons in the commission of a crime; second, to support new Criminal Code firearms control provisions that recognize and protect the right of law-abiding citizens to own and use recreational firearms; and, third, to support legislation that will repeal or modify existing gun control laws that have not improved public safety, or have proven not to be cost effective, or have proven to be overly complex so as to be ineffective or unenforceable. I concur with the petitioners.

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

Mr. Philip Mayfield (Cariboo—Chilcotin, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I also present a petition signed by over 700 constituents from the city of Quesnel.

The petitioners pray and request that Parliament reduce government spending instead of increasing taxes and implement a taxpayers protection act to limit federal spending. The petition is presented with my concurrence.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Philip Mayfield (Cariboo—Chilcotin, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I also present a petition signed by 25 people from Quesnel.

The petitioners call upon Parliament to oppose any amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act or the Canadian

Charter of Rights and Freedoms that provide for the inclusion of the phrase sexual orientation. The petition is presented with my concurrence.

I also present a petition from constituents in Williams Lake. The constituents request that Parliament not pass Bill C-41 with section 718.2 as presently written and in any event not include the undefined phrase sexual orientation. The petition is presented with my concurrence.

RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Philip Mayfield (Cariboo—Chilcotin, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I present a petition containing over 100 signatures mainly from Quesnel in my constituency of Cariboo—Chilcotin.

The petitioners pray that Parliament 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. The petition is presented with my concurrence.

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GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

Mr. Philip Mayfield (Cariboo—Chilcotin, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present three petitions signed by over 250 constituents from Williams Lake, Quesnel, Horsefly, 100-Mile House, 150-Mile House and Alexis Creek.

The petitioners pray and request that Parliament reduce government spending instead of increasing taxes and implement a taxpayers protection act to limit federal spending. The petition is presented with my concurrence.

[Translation]

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, these petitioners recognize that the majority of Canadians respect the sanctity of life. They want the government to prohibit assisted suicide. They do not want the law to be amended in any way to make suicide legal.

[English]

VIOLENCE

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I wish to present another petition in which the petitioners point out that unnecessary violence and abuse of all forms, be it verbal, physical or other, in society in general, on radio or on television has become a serious problem. They point out that it is neither necessary to inform nor to entertain.

The petitioners want government to ensure the CRTC controls these kinds of abuse and violence. They applaud some of the initiatives taken recently to modify and reduce abuse and violence on radio and television.