

Routine Proceedings

proceed immediately with the clean up of the Lachine Canal. This canal is so contaminated that if a child falls in, we have to decontaminate him or her for fear of infection.

Once the canal is cleaned up, we could use it and the surrounding area for recreational purposes. Many jobs would be created both during and after the process. I would like to add that I fully support this petition.

• (1510)

[English]

GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Mr. Jag Bhaduria (Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville, Ind. Lib.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am presenting a petition signed by petitioners in the Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville area.

These petitioners call on Parliament to reduce the deficit by cutting wastage and reducing the overall expenses of every government department by at least 5 per cent.

RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mrs. Elsie Wayne (Saint John, PC): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I rise to present a petition signed by the people from the city of Fredericton, New Brunswick.

The petition states: "Whereas human life at the pre-born stage is not protected in Canadian society, the petitioners pray and request 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".

HEALTH

Mr. John Solomon (Regina—Lumsden, NDP): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I rise to present a petition signed by constituents of mine as well as from people residing in North Battleford, Aberdeen, Melville, Ituna, Herschel and other places in Saskatchewan.

This petition pertains to repealing Bill C-91, which has doubled the price of prescription drugs for Canadians and has put in jeopardy the drug plans of many governments in Canada.

This petition asks the government, which in opposition supported repealing Bill C-91, to keep its promise and to repeal Bill C-91.

CRIMINAL CODE

Mr. Nelson Riis (Kamloops, NDP): Mr. Speaker, again pursuant to Standing Order 36, it is my honour to present a petition on behalf of now close to 27,000 residents of the Kamloops area who point out that they believe many violent offenders and sex offenders are being paroled prematurely and are being released without proper treatment and rehabilitation. They believe that those convicted of these types of offences

should remain incarcerated until they have successfully undergone treatment and can demonstrate unequivocally that they have been completely rehabilitated.

Therefore, they are asking the House of Commons and the Government of Canada to change the Criminal Code to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that these changes take place.

JUSTICE

Mr. Bob Kilger (Stormont—Dundas, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I would like to present a petition signed by well over 600 constituents in my riding of Stormont—Dundas. The petitioners ask the government to enact legislation to review the Supreme Court ruling rendered September 30, 1994, and enact legislation, which I am pleased to say we have, to redress the repercussions of this ruling.

The petition pertains to the drunken defence ruling made by the Supreme Court.

SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS

Mr. Bob Kilger (Stormont—Dundas, Lib.): I have another petition, Mr. Speaker, signed by well over 70 residents of Stormont—Dundas who call upon the government not to enact legislation to 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.

YOUNG OFFENDERS

Mr. Bob Kilger (Stormont—Dundas, Lib.): Finally, Mr. Speaker, some 400 petitioners ask the government to review and revise our laws concerning young offenders by empowering the courts to prosecute and punish the young law-breakers. The petitioners also ask that officials be allowed to release the names of young offenders and lower the age limit to allow prosecution to meet the severity of the crime.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 155 and 156.

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Question No. 155—**Mr. Althouse:**

For each of the last 20 years, what proportion of gross domestic product has Canada spent on: unemployment insurance programs; old age pensions; Canada pension plan; civil service pensions (including military, RCMP and parliamentary service); family allowance and/or child tax credits; health care; protection of property (police, military and prisons) and interest on debt payments?