

JUSTICE

Mr. Hugh Hanrahan (Edmonton—Strathcona, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege to present a petition on behalf of approximately 15,000 Edmontonians. I also understand that there are several petitions being presented on the same issue that equal approximately 64,000 names.

The petitioners would like to draw to the attention of the House the inadequacies of the Young Offenders Act. They request that a complete and thorough review of the existing legislation take place aimed at changing sentencing and repeat offending.

It is my pleasure to submit this petition and to also inform my constituents and Edmontonians that I thoroughly concur with these petitioners.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Ms. Val Meredith (Surrey—White Rock—South Langley, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise to present four petitions to the House with a total of 545 signatures.

The petitioners are praying and requesting that Parliament reduce government spending instead of increasing taxes and that it implement a taxpayer protection act to limit federal government spending.

It is my pleasure to support this process and I am pleased to present these petitions to the House.

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Jack Ramsay (Crowfoot, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am pleased to present a number of petitions today. The first four petitions collectively contain well over 3,000 signatures.

The petitioners are requesting that Parliament not attack the recreational firearms community and support only legislation which severely punishes one who uses a weapon, including a weapon other than a firearm; protects the rights and freedoms of the law-abiding recreational firearms community to own and use firearms responsibly; passes careful scrutiny to see that it will improve public safety in a cost effective manner; repeals present firearms control legislation which features tortuous language and which has been characterized by the courts as one of the most horrifying examples of bad draftsmanship.

EUTHANASIA

Mr. Jack Ramsay (Crowfoot, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the petitioners of the fifth and sixth petitions which I have here wish to draw Parliament's attention to the consequence of legalizing euthanasia.

The petitioners request that Parliament not support euthanasia or doctor assisted suicide.

Routine Proceedings

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Jack Ramsay (Crowfoot, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the seventh petition requests that Parliament oppose amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act or Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms which provide for the inclusion of the phrase sexual orientation because such an inclusion will provide certain groups with special status, rights and privileges.

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

Mr. Jack Ramsay (Crowfoot, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the last petition I present today on behalf of my constituents concerns the Canadian Wheat Board.

The petitioners request that Parliament continue to give the board monopoly powers in marketing wheat and barley for export.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Mr. Ted White (North Vancouver, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have five petitions to present today. The first one is signed by Mrs. Sisko Hamer-Jackson and 312 other residents of North Vancouver. The second one is by Mr. F. G. Williams and 26 other fellow Canadians. The third one is by Ross McCarlie and 25 other persons. All three are on the same subject.

The petitioners are praying and requesting that Parliament reduce government spending instead of increasing taxes and implement a taxpayer protection act to limit federal spending.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Ted White (North Vancouver, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, on the other two petitions that I would like to present today, the first one is signed by Helen Hughes and 26 other North Vancouver residents.

It calls upon Parliament to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to protect individuals from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The last petition that I have to present today is sent in by Arlene Boreham and 41 other people in North Vancouver.

The petitioners pray and 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 as the behaviour people engage in does not warrant special considerations in Canadian law.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Jerry Pickard (Essex—Kent, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege today to present two petitions.

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The first petition asks Parliament to ensure the presence of provisions in the Criminal Code prohibiting assisted suicide and make sure they are vigorously enforced.