

*Routine Proceedings*

recognized that the existing controls on law-abiding, responsible gun owners are more than enough.

The petitioners request that Parliament support laws which will severely punish all violent criminals that use weapons in the commission of a crime, support new Criminal Code firearms control provisions which recognize and protect the rights of law-abiding citizens to own and use recreational firearms, and request that Parliament support legislation that will repeal and modify existing gun control laws which do not improve public safety or have proven not to be cost effective or have proven to be overly complex so as to be ineffective and/or unenforceable.

**Mr. David Chatters (Athabasca, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 36 I would like to present a petition from the residents of my constituency of Athabasca, mainly from the Westlock area.

The petition requests that Parliament support laws that severely punish all violent criminals who use weapons in the commission of a crime; support new Criminal Code firearms control provisions which recognize and protect the right of law-abiding citizens to own and use firearms; and support legislation which will repeal or modify existing gun control laws which have not improved public safety or have proven not to be cost effective or have proven to be so overly complex as to be ineffective or unenforceable.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mrs. Carolyn Parrish (Mississauga West, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, it is my duty to present a petition on behalf of Mrs. Dorothy Polhill of Mississauga West.

In it the petitioners call on Parliament to oppose any amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act or the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms which provide for the inclusion of the phrase sexual orientation.

## EUTHANASIA

**Mrs. Elsie Wayne (Saint John, PC):** Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 36 to present three groups of petitions.

The first group deals with euthanasia and is signed by 151 people in my riding. The petitioners pray that Parliament ensure the present provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting assisted suicide be enforced vigorously and that Parliament make no changes in the law which would sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or any activity designed to terminate human life.

## JUSTICE

**Mrs. Elsie Wayne (Saint John, PC):** Mr. Speaker, the second group of petitions deal with the release of repeat sex offenders.

The petitioners pray and call on Parliament to enact legislation that would enable residents to be notified when repeat sex offenders are released into the community.

This legislation would make the safety of our children a priority.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mrs. Elsie Wayne (Saint John, PC):** Mr. Speaker, the third and final group of petitions is signed by 209 people from my riding and other parts of New Brunswick.

The petitioners pray and request Parliament not to amend the human rights code, the Canadian Human Rights Act or the charter of rights and freedoms in any way which would tend to indicate societal approval of same sex relationships or of homosexuality, including amending the Criminal Code to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase sexual orientation. I concur with all of these petitions.

## INCOME TAX

**Mr. Paul E. Forseth (New Westminster—Burnaby, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present two petitions today from constituents in B.C.'s lower mainland and the riding of New Westminster—Burnaby.

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In both petitions, the petitioners make it known that they are overburdened with taxation due to high government spending.

Therefore they pray and request that Parliament reduce government spending instead of increasing taxes and implement a taxpayer protection act to limit federal spending.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mr. Chuck Strahl (Fraser Valley East, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, I have three petitions to present to the House today.

The first one asks that the government not amend the human rights code to include in the prohibitive grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase sexual orientation.

## FIREARMS

**Mr. Chuck Strahl (Fraser Valley East, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, the second petition is from a group of people from across British Columbia who request that Parliament support laws which will severely punish all violent criminals who use weapons in the commission of crime.

They support new Criminal Code firearms control provisions which recognize and protect the right of law-abiding citizens to own and use recreational firearms and support legislation which would repeal and modify existing gun control laws which have not improved public safety.