

Routine Proceedings

Since senior citizens are naturally more intimidated by voice mail technology and have a right to expect proper service, especially for enquiries concerning income security payments, we ask the Liberal government not to use voice mail for senior citizens.

I fully support the Saint-Alphonse and Saint-Maurice senior citizens' clubs from Thetford Mines.

[English]

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Bernie Collins (Souris—Moose Mountain, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have a number of petitions that I have the pleasure of putting forth this afternoon. One petition deals with gun control.

EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Bernie Collins (Souris—Moose Mountain, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I would like to present a petition in opposition to euthanasia or person assisted suicide.

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

Mr. Bernie Collins (Souris—Moose Mountain, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I would like to present a petition in support of the Canadian Wheat Board.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Bernie Collins (Souris—Moose Mountain, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I would like to present a petition in opposition to same sex couple benefits.

Mr. Art Hanger (Calgary Northeast, Ref.): Madam Speaker, I have several petitions I would like to enter, the first dealing with sexual orientation.

The petitioners pray and request that Parliament not amend the Human Rights Act or the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in any way that would tend to indicate societal approval of same sex relationships or of homosexuality, including the amending of the Human Rights Act to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase sexual orientation. There are 304 signatures.

EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Art Hanger (Calgary Northeast, Ref.): Madam Speaker, I have two petitions dealing with the topic of euthanasia, one with 242 signatures and the other with 93.

The petitioners pray that Parliament ensures the present provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting assisted suicide be enforced vigorously and that Parliament makes no changes in the law which would sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or active or passive euthanasia.

RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Art Hanger (Calgary Northeast, Ref.): Madam Speaker the third petition deals with the sanctity of human life. There are 305 signatures from my riding.

The petitioners pray that Parliament acts 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.

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IMMIGRATION

Mr. Art Hanger (Calgary Northeast, Ref.): Madam Speaker, the last petition deals with immigration levels. It has 128 signatures from various parts of the country.

The petitioners pray and call upon Parliament to reduce immigration to the previous average level of one-half of 1 per cent of the population, or about 150,000 per year, with the basic intake of not less than 50 per cent of the total composed of carefully selected skilled workers required by the Canadian economy and to bring our refugee acceptance rate in line with the average of other asylum destination countries.

I heartily agree with all petitions.

LIGHT STATIONS

Mr. Jack Frazer (Saanich—Gulf Islands, Ref.): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 it is my duty and honour to rise in the House to present a petition, duly certified by the clerk of petitions, on behalf of the constituents of Saanich—Gulf Islands.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to immediately revoke the directive from the Minister of Transport that proceeds with a detailed plan for a program of unmanning all west coast light stations and request a complete and thorough public inquiry in the province of British Columbia into the need for these manned light stations on the west coast.

EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Randy White (Fraser Valley West, Ref.): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to table in the House two petitions.

The first petition asks that Parliament ensures that the present provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting assisted suicide be enforced vigorously and that Parliament makes no changes in the law which would sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or active or passive euthanasia.

I concur with the petition.

JAPANESE CANADIANS

Mr. Randy White (Fraser Valley West, Ref.): Madam Speaker, I have a second petition that respectfully requests that Parliament acknowledges, through compensation under a redress agreement, an injustice did occur when Canadians of Japanese ancestry who happened to be in Japan on December 7, 1941, were denied by the actions of the Government of Canada the right to return home until March 31, 1949.