

Routine Proceedings

homosexuality, including amending the Canadian Human Rights Act to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase sexual orientation.

I support all three petitions.

Mr. Pat O'Brien (London—Middlesex, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty as a member of Parliament to present three petitions today which oppose including the phrase sexual orientation in various pieces of federal legislation.

MINING

Mr. Robert D. Nault (Kenora—Rainy River, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure of presenting 13 petitions on seven different topics all bearing signatures of my constituents and duly certified by the clerk of petitions.

I present three petitions with over 700 signatures requesting that the government take action that will keep mining in Canada by increasing employment in this sector, promoting exploration and rebuilding mineral reserves.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Robert D. Nault (Kenora—Rainy River, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I present two petitions signed by 100 people praying that Parliament continue to reject euthanasia and physical assisted suicide and that Parliament consider expanding palliative care for dying persons.

RIGHTS OF GRANDPARENTS

Mr. Robert D. Nault (Kenora—Rainy River, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions signed by 66 people in my riding requesting that in no case may a father or mother without serious cause place obstacles between the child and grandparents and further that grandparents with access to a child be given the right to acquire information as to the health, education and welfare of the child.

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Robert D. Nault (Kenora—Rainy River, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I also present a petition with 346 signatures urging Parliament to enact legislation that addresses crime control and not firearm control.

RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Robert D. Nault (Kenora—Rainy River, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have a single petition with 35 signatures requesting protection for the unborn child.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Robert D. Nault (Kenora—Rainy River, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have three petitions with 332 signatures urging Parliament not to amend the Human Rights Act in any way that would indicate societal approval of same sex relationships, including any amendment using the phrase sexual orientation as prohibited grounds of discrimination.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Mr. Robert D. Nault (Kenora—Rainy River, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I present a petition signed by 37 people in my riding asking Parliament to consider a referendum on accepting or rejecting two official languages.

I appreciate the opportunity to present the views of my riding through these petitions.

JUSTICE

Mr. Bob Mills (Red Deer, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions today, one signed by 260 people. This is part of a 64,000 person petition.

The petitioners are calling for changes to the Young Offenders Act and want an act serious enough to deter young people from committing crimes. They feel the Young Offenders Act is not meeting the objectives set forth in a satisfactory manner.

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Bob Mills (Red Deer, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, my second petition is the second for this week on gun control now totalling over 5,000 names.

The petitioners express their concern that the control of law-abiding citizens and responsible gun owners is more than enough to ensure public safety and that the current and proposed laws criminalizing certain firearm activities are not necessary.

The petitioners humbly pray and request that Parliament support laws that will severely punish all violent criminals who use weapons in the commission of crimes and that Parliament support legislation that will repeal and modify existing gun control laws which have not improved public safety or have not proven to be cost effective.

INCOME TAX ACT

Mr. John Solomon (Regina—Lumsden, NDP): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions to present today pursuant to Standing Order 36.

I have one petition signed by approximately 400 members of the United Steel Workers of America, Local 5890 working at IPSCO Inc. in my constituency. This petition pertains to the Canadian Income Tax Act which states that a pension plan member cannot accrue more than one year of pensionable service in a year, thereby eliminating any way to make up pensionable service time accrued.

• (1540)

This petition calls upon Parliament to urge the government to change the appropriate regulations to allow for pensionable service to be accrued over 1,800 hours based on straight time hours worked.

It is my pleasure to present that petition to the House.