

Routine Proceedings

principles: deterrents to the offender; accountability of the offender; and rights of the victim.

DANGEROUS OFFENDERS

Mr. John Duncan (North Island—Powell River, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the ninth petition is signed by over 130 people, most of whom live in my constituency. They request that Parliament amend the Corrections and Conditional Release Act and the Criminal Code to allow dangerous offender applications to be made just prior to the expiration of the offender's sentence.

• (1220)

The 10th petition is signed by 50 of my constituents. They request radical changes in the present laws to take direct action to impose upon such offenders more severe penalties, especially repeat offenders.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. John Duncan (North Island—Powell River, Ref.): The 11th petition is signed by 150 of my constituents. They request that Parliament not pass Bill C-41 with section 718.2 as presently written and in any event not to include the undefined phrase of sexual orientation, as the behaviour that people engage in does not warrant special consideration in Canadian law.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. John Duncan (North Island—Powell River, Ref.): The last petition is signed by 27 of my constituents. They pray that Parliament ensure that the present provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting assisted suicide be vigorously enforced and that Parliament make no changes in the law which would sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or active or passive euthanasia.

CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by many people from all parts of Canada. It deals with one of the greatest assets that this country has namely, the Canadian Armed Forces.

In recent months the Canadian forces have come under intense media and public scrutiny, some of it very unfairly. Therefore the petitioners request that Parliament at the earliest possible time initiate a wide ranging public inquiry, replacing many which are being convened piecemeal, into the Canadian Armed Forces, including reserves, which will investigate, report and make recommendations on all matters affecting its operations, tasking, resources, effectiveness, morale and welfare.

I want to say that the Canadian Armed Forces is one of the proudest elements we have in this country today. We should all be supporting our forces very strongly.

OFFICIAL OPPOSITION

Mr. Lee Morrison (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, it is my honour and pleasure to table three petitions identical in form and content. The total number of signatures on these petitions is 719 Canadians. They are mostly residents of the Coronach, Swift Current and Bengough districts in my riding.

The petitioners state that the Bloc Quebecois party is composed solely of members from one province. They also state that the Reform Party of Canada has only one less member in the House and represents constituencies in five provinces and is organized throughout Canada. They state that the rights of people residing in nine provinces and two territories cannot be adequately protected by the disloyal, one province Bloc Quebecois as Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition and that this is a travesty on the institution of Parliament.

The petitioners therefore call upon Parliament, in the interests of Canadian unity and parliamentary tradition and to protect the rights of all the people of Canada, to prevail upon the Speaker of the House of Commons to recognize the Reform Party of Canada as the Official Opposition during the remainder of the 35th Parliament.

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[Translation]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, if Question No. 177 could be made an order for return, that return would be tabled immediately.

The Deputy Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

[Text]

Question No. 177—**Mr. White (North Vancouver):**

What was the total number of full time employees at each job classification in the respective federal departments for fiscal 1994?

Return tabled.

[Translation]

Mr. Milliken: Mr. Speaker, I would ask that all remaining questions be allowed to stand.

The Deputy Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.