

Routine Proceedings

The Deputy Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Does the House give unanimous consent to introduce this motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

(Motion agreed to).

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[English]

PETITIONS

GRANDPARENTS RIGHTS

Mr. Andy Scott (Fredericton—York—Sunbury, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I rise today to present two petitions on behalf of constituents. The first is on behalf of 63 constituents of Fredericton—York—Sunbury who request Parliament to amend the Divorce Act to offer protection to grandparents in the case of a divorce action.

DANGEROUS OFFENDERS

Mr. Andy Scott (Fredericton—York—Sunbury, Lib.): The second petition, Mr. Speaker, requests that changes be made to the charter of rights to enable residents to be notified when repeat sex offenders are released into our communities in order to protect the safety of children. This petition was signed by 500 constituents.

TAXATION

Mr. Paul Szabo (Mississauga South, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing 36, I wish to present a petition signed by a number of petitioners from the national capital region.

They would like to draw to the attention of the House that managing the family home and caring for preschool children is an honourable profession which has not been recognized for its value to our society. They also state that the Income Tax Act discriminates against families who make the choice to provide care in the home to preschool children, the disabled, the chronically ill, or the aged.

The petitioners therefore pray and call upon Parliament to pursue initiatives to eliminate tax discrimination against families who decide to provide care in the home for preschool children, the disabled, the chronically ill and the aged.

• (1510)

DRUNKENNESS DEFENCE

Ms. Susan Whelan (Essex—Windsor, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I hold over 6,000 signatures from the residents of Windsor and Essex county asking Parliament to repeal the Supreme Court of

Canada's decision to include extreme drunkenness or incapacity as a defence to indictable offences.

These petitions, launched by the Victims for Justice Coalition of Windsor—Essex County, further request that Parliament recognize that society is obligated to punish those who of their own free will render themselves intoxicated and harm others.

I want to commend the coalition for its efforts in this regard. I am pleased to present these petitions. I am also pleased that this government has responded to the concerns of all Canadians on this issue with the introduction of Bill C-72, which is moving swiftly through the House.

CABLEVISION INDUSTRY

Mr. Dan McTeague (Ontario, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am pleased to present 667 signatures from Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa, Ajax, Pickering and Whitby.

These petitioners call upon the CRTC to review the entire matter in which the cable TV companies introduced the new specialty channel service.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Herb Grubel (Capilano—Howe Sound, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I wish to present four different petitions signed by constituents of Capilano—Howe Sound.

The first group of petitioners request that this House oppose amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act or the charter of the rights and freedoms which provide for the inclusion of the phrase of sexual orientation.

BILL C-41

Mr. Herb Grubel (Capilano—Howe Sound, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the second group of petitions signed by constituents of mine call upon Parliament to oppose the passage of section 718.2 of Bill C-41.

TAXATION

Mr. Herb Grubel (Capilano—Howe Sound, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the third group of petitions signed by constituents of Capilano—Howe Sound request that Parliament reduce government spending instead of increasing taxes and that it implement a taxpayer protection act to limit federal government spending in the future. It is my pleasure to support this request.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Herb Grubel (Capilano—Howe Sound, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the fourth group of petitions signed by residents of Bowen Island in my constituency call upon Parliament to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to protect individuals from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Mr. Ed Harper (Simcoe Centre, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have three sets of petitions to present today on behalf of the constituents of Simcoe Centre.