

Routine Proceedings

PETITIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. John Richardson (Perth—Wellington—Waterloo, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I would like to present a petition on behalf of my constituents asking that the Canadian Human Rights Act not include the phrase sexual orientation as a grounds for discrimination. I place the petition on the table.

[*Translation*]

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Mr. Benoît Serré (Timiskaming—French River, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I want to submit three petitions.

[*English*]

The first petition deals with sexual orientation. The petitioners pray that Parliament not amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase of sexual orientation. The petition contains 77 signatures.

ABORTION

Mr. Benoît Serré (Timiskaming—French River, Lib.): Madam Speaker, the second petition contains 82 signatures. The petitioners pray that the government act 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. I would like to add that I agree with the petitioners.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Benoît Serré (Timiskaming—French River, Lib.): Madam Speaker, the third petition contains 76 signatures. The petitioners ask that Parliament ensure that the present provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting assisted suicide be enforced vigorously and also that Parliament make no changes in the law which would sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or active or passive euthanasia. I would like to add that I also agree with the petitioners.

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Mr. John Williams (St. Albert, Ref.): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I am honoured to present a petition on behalf of 86 Albertans, many of whom are my constituents.

These petitioners request that Parliament not amend 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 homosexuality, including amending the Canadian Human Rights Act to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase sexual orientation.

Not only am I pleased to present this petition but I endorse the petition as well.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have two petitions dealing with the Criminal Code. The first petition deals with euthanasia.

The petitioners ask that Parliament ensure that 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 active or passive euthanasia.

CHILD ABUSE

Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville, Lib.): Madam Speaker, the second petition has to do with the Criminal Code dealing with child abusers. The petitioners call upon Parliament to amend the Criminal Code to ensure stiffer sentences and mandatory treatment for all child abusers. I support both of these petitions.

EUTHANASIA

Mr. Leon E. Benoit (Vegreville, Ref.): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour on behalf of the constituents of Vegreville to table two petitions in the House today requesting that Parliament continue to reject euthanasia and physician assisted suicide in Canada and that the present provisions of section 241 of the Criminal Code of Canada, which forbids the counselling, procuring, aiding or abetting of persons to commit suicide, be enforced vigorously. The petitioners also request that Parliament consider expanding palliative care so that it would be accessible to all dying persons in Canada.

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Mr. Leon E. Benoit (Vegreville, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, in addition I would like to present a petition in which the petitioners 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 human rights code to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase sexual orientation.

I concur with all three petitions.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Bill Gilmour (Comox—Alberni, Ref.): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I am pleased to present the following petitions from my riding of Comox—Alberni which contain 506 signatures.

The petitioners request that Parliament ensure that the present provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting assisted suicide be enforced vigorously and that Parliament make no