

Routine Proceedings

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Joe McGuire (Egmont, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, in the second petition, the petitioners humbly pray 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.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Joe McGuire (Egmont, Lib.): In the last petition, Mr. Speaker, the petitioners pray and request that Parliament not amend the Canadian 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 amending the Canadian Human Rights Act to include in the prohibitive grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase of sexual orientation.

EUTHANASIA

Mr. Bob Speller (Haldimand—Norfolk, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present quite a few petitions under Standing Order 36 dealing with the whole question of euthanasia.

Constituents from all parts of Haldimand—Norfolk pray that Parliament make no changes in the law which would sanction or allow aiding or abetting of suicide or active or passive euthanasia.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Bob Speller (Haldimand—Norfolk, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I also have the pleasure to present to the House a petition from constituents from Haldimand—Norfolk regarding the whole question of same sex relationships.

RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Bob Speller (Haldimand—Norfolk, Lib.): In the last petition, Mr. Speaker, the constituents of Haldimand—Norfolk ask the government 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.

KILLER TRADING CARDS

Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition organized and collected by a large number of young Canadians in the riding of Scarborough—Rouge River.

It calls upon Parliament to act in such a way as to prohibit the importation, distribution, sale and manufacture of the cards known as killer cards or killer trading cards.

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Jim Abbott (Kootenay East, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions to present. The first one is that the justice minister is proposing unfair anti-gun legislation. It will do little if anything to reduce the incidence of violent crime in Canada, but will simply restrict or eliminate entirely the rights of honest law-abiding hunters and target shooters.

I would like the petitioners to know that I agree with their point of view.

MINING INDUSTRY

Mr. Jim Abbott (Kootenay East, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I also have the pleasure to present a total of 178 pages of petitions with respect to the issue of mining. Canada's investment climate is forcing its mineral industry to look for new opportunities elsewhere, a trend which has eroded industry employment substantially in this decade and threatens the long term viability of mining in Canada.

I concur completely with the sentiments expressed in the petition. In subsequent events in the House I will be making a presentation as we debate Bill C-48 on natural resources speaking in support of the mining industry.

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RIGHTS OF GRANDPARENTS

Mrs. Daphne Jennings (Mission—Coquitlam, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I wish to present some petitions on behalf of grandchildren and grandparents in Canada asking Parliament to amend the Divorce Act to grant standing before the courts to argue for continuous access for grandparents to their grandchildren.

EUTHANASIA

Mr. Ed Harper (Simcoe Centre, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have three petitions to present today, two on behalf of the constituents in my riding of Simcoe Centre and one on behalf of the constituents in Sarnia—Lambton.

The first one is from Simcoe Centre dealing with the issue of euthanasia. The petitioners request that current laws regarding active euthanasia be enforced.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Mr. Ed Harper (Simcoe Centre, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the second petition from Simcoe Centre deals with sexual orientation.

The petitioners are concerned about including the undefined phrase sexual orientation in the Canadian Human Rights Act. Refusing to define this statement leaves interpretation open to the courts, a very dangerous precedent to set.