

Routine Proceedings

[Translation]

EUTHANASIA

Mrs. Anna Terrana (Vancouver East, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the second petition, signed by 54 people, is on the subject of euthanasia. The petitioners say that the majority of Canadians respect the law and the sanctity of human life and believe that doctors should try to save lives, not end them.

The petitioners also ask Parliament to ensure that the provisions in the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting assisted suicide be rigorously upheld, that Parliament not amend the current laws and that assisted suicide and active or passive euthanasia remain illegal.

[English]

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mrs. Anna Terrana (Vancouver East, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the third fourth and final petitions, containing 72, 25, and 462 signatures respectively, deal with the issue of sexual orientation.

They state that one of the core values of Canadian society is the strong belief in equality, that equality for all Canadians includes freedom from hatred, harassment and discrimination, that all Canadians regardless of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation must be treated equitably under the same circumstances and that great misunderstandings still exist in Canada resulting in discrimination.

The final petition also requests that Parliament amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to include sexual orientation as a basis for protection against discrimination.

JUSTICE

Mrs. Jan Brown (Calgary Southeast, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I rise in the House again today to present petition No. 18. This course of action is undertaken on behalf of constituents who wish to halt the early release from prison of Robert Paul Thompson.

The petitioners I represent are concerned about making our streets safer for our citizens and they are opposed to the current practice of early release of violent offenders prior to serving the full extent of their sentences.

The petitioners pray that our streets will be made safer for law-abiding citizens and the families of the victims of convicted murders.

I have another petition to present. I am honoured to do this on behalf of Albertans. I understand that there are several petitions being presented that equal approximately 64,000 names.

These petitioners pray that the Criminal Code of Canada and the Young Offenders Act of 1992 be amended to allow for

tougher sentences to deter people from committing crimes and tough enough to provide real justice.

I am pleased to state that I endorse the contents of this petition.

Mr. John Williams (St. Albert, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I am honoured to present a petition on behalf of 2,359 Albertans. I understand that there are several petitions being presented that equal approximately 64,000 names.

These petitioners pray that the Criminal Code of Canada and the Young Offenders Act of 1992 be amended to allow for tougher sentences to deter people from committing crimes and tough enough to provide real justice.

I am pleased to state that I endorse the contents of this petition.

Mr. Ken Epp (Elk Island, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am presenting a petition signed by approximately 3,400 people, mostly from the riding of Elk Island.

I understand that this is part of a larger petition which will total some 64,000 names.

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The petitioners express a serious concern about and call for changes to the Criminal Code and the Young Offenders Act to make them serious enough to deter young people from committing crimes and tough enough to provide for real justice.

RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have three petitions this afternoon. The first one prays that Parliament 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.

It is signed by approximately 150 people in the Toronto area.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the next petition is signed by constituents of mine in Scarborough West and environs.

It prays 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 that would sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or active or passive euthanasia.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from constituents of mine praying 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