

refugee case or of their plea for humanitarian consideration.

They ask the House to ensure that the Minister of Employment and Immigration will ensure that those who have notified Canada Immigration of their intention to make a claim will all be considered eligible for immediate employment authorizations and a case by case review of their claims.

The review should include humanitarian and compassionate grounds traditionally used by Canada Immigration, including the presence in Canada of relatives, the successful establishment of refugee claimants in Canada, and special consideration being given to those coming from war zones, oppressive Governments and natural disasters.

CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACT—AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Madam Speaker, I also have about 70 names on a petition from people mainly in Metro Toronto who remind the Government that it is now four years since the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs prepared a report on equality rights, which recommended that the Canadian Human Rights Act be amended to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in all areas of federal jurisdiction.

Three years ago the Government promised to take whatever measures were necessary to ensure that this would be done. It has not been done.

Therefore, they pray that Parliament will ensure that the Government and Parliament act to bring such an amendment in as specified above with all due haste and speed.

HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Finally, Madam Speaker, I have a petition from a number of people who are concerned about environmental hazards on the coast of British Columbia. They point out that in 1988 when the South Moresby Park agreement was signed the federal Government committed itself to expending \$20 million or more to explore for minerals and hydrocarbons within what it was calling a national park.

Therefore, they call upon Parliament to recognize that there should not be any more hydrocarbons exploration

activities in the coastal waters. They do not want the Government to pay for any such activities from this date on.

U.S. NUCLEAR POWERED VESSELS

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to submit a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36 with in excess of 1,400 signatures collected at the annual peace walk in Victoria on April 22.

The substance of the petition is the concern of the petitioners of the great danger of accidents when nuclear armed or powered ships are in Canadian ports. It was asking prior to the Budget that the Canadian House of Commons not purchase nuclear powered submarines for Canada.

Now that this request has been approved and there is not going to be nuclear powered submarines for Canada, I would just like to point out that there are over 1,400 signatures on this petition, which demonstrates the degree of concern in the lower island of the regular visits of United States navy vessels that are nuclear armed and nuclear powered.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Albert Cooper (Peace River): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 2, 3, 50 and 51.

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PBC STORAGE SITES

Question No. 2—Mr. Milliken:

1. What is the (a) number of PCB storage sites in the constituency of Kingston and the Islands (b) frequency with which these sites are checked to ensure they comply with health and safety guidelines?

2. Have any of these sites failed to pass such inspections and, if so (a) which sites (b) on what dates (i) did they fail (ii) will they be tested?

3. Are the PCBs in Kingston and the Islands being transferred for destruction and, if so, (a) to what location (b) by what means?

4. Is the organic chemicals section of the National Research Council receiving funding to develop its "Chemical Transformation Process" and if so (a) in what amount (b) at what time will this process be ready for wide-scale use in the field?