

present two petitions today. The first petition was circulated by Mrs. Barbara Gobbi of my riding of Prince George—Bulkley Valley and contains a number of names.

The petitioners 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.

I am pleased to say that I personally support this petition.

#### RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

**Mr. Dick Harris (Prince George—Bulkley Valley, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, the second petition was also circulated by Mrs. Barbara Gobbi of Prince George and contains a number of names.

The petitioners humbly pray that Parliament enact legislation which will protect the unborn children of this country. The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to do so.

Here again I personally support this petition.

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#### GUN CONTROL

**Mr. Bob Ringma (Nanaimo—Cowichan, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present two petitions, both on the subject of firearms control.

The first petition asks that Parliament support laws that will severely punish all violent criminals who use weapons in the commission of a crime. It also asks to support new legislation that recognizes and protects the rights of law-abiding citizens. It further asks that legislation be supported that will repeal and modify existing gun controls which have not improved public safety or have proven not to be cost effective.

The second petition on the same general subject area asks Parliament not to enact any further firearms control legislation, regulations or orders in council.

#### TAXATION

**Mrs. Diane Ablonczy (Calgary North, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of presenting four petitions today on behalf of the citizens in my riding of Calgary North.

The first petition is asking this government not to increase taxes. The citizens who signed this petition feel they are already overburdened with taxes and are asking that the burden not be increased.

#### ASSISTED SUICIDE

**Mrs. Diane Ablonczy (Calgary North, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, the second petition is from people in Calgary North. They ask that the government not change the Criminal Code to allow assisted suicide.

#### Routine Proceedings

##### SPOUSAL BENEFITS

**Mrs. Diane Ablonczy (Calgary North, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, in the third petition citizens are saying no to spousal benefits being extended to same sex couples.

##### HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mrs. Diane Ablonczy (Calgary North, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, in the last petition, 105 citizens of Calgary North protest the inclusion of sexual orientation as a prohibited ground of discrimination in the charter of rights.

I am pleased to say that I will be representing my constituents' views on these issues to this House over the coming months.

##### TAXATION

**Ms. Roseanne Skoke (Central Nova, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I have three petitions pursuant to Standing Order 36. On behalf of 72 constituents in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, I wish to table a petition with respect to the subject matter of GST and income tax.

##### ASSISTED SUICIDE

**Ms. Roseanne Skoke (Central Nova, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, the second petition is presented on behalf of 26 constituents of Digby county, Nova Scotia.

The petitioners 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 that would sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or any activity designed to terminate human life.

I concur with this petition.

##### HUMAN RIGHTS

**Ms. Roseanne Skoke (Central Nova, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, the third petition contains 107 signatures. Twenty-five signatures are from Edmonton, Alberta and 82 signatures are from Nova Scotia, including Digby county.

The petitioners pray and request that Parliament not amend the human rights code, 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 human rights code to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase of sexual orientation.

I concur with this petition.

##### GUN CONTROL

**Mr. John O'Reilly (Victoria—Haliburton, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 it is with great pleasure that I rise today to present a petition signed by 1,025 people from such places as Minden, Haliburton, Eagle Lake, Wilberforce and Bobcaygeon in the riding of Victoria—Haliburton.