

Routine Proceedings

TWO DOLLAR COIN

Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville, Lib.): Madam Speaker I have petition with 1,826 signatures. It is a rather interesting petition. It was the inspiration of a Mrs. Ruby Stone who lives in my riding.

She is petitioning the government as all these people are against the introduction of a \$2 coin. Some of us may not be aware that there is a study going on in this country to introduce a \$2 coin. Sometimes these things are slipped in. I know this government would not likely do that.

I think we should introduce more \$2 bills because if you use a \$5 bill you usually get four coins back. People are getting tired carrying them around. I support these petitioners.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. John O'Reilly (Victoria—Haliburton, Lib.): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 it is with pleasure that I rise today to present a petition containing signatures from people in Beaverton, Fenelon Falls, Woodville and Cannington in the riding of Victoria—Haliburton.

This petition calls on Parliament to oppose any amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act or the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms which provide for the inclusion of the phrase sexual orientation.

GUN CONTROL

Mr. John Duncan (North Island—Powell River, Ref.): Madam Speaker, I rise to present a petition on behalf of 78 of my constituents from Gold River and Campbell River, British Columbia, who call upon this Parliament to reject any further firearms control legislation, regulations or orders in council and rather focus on the misuse of firearms by violent criminals.

I support the petition.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Paul E. Forseth (New Westminster—Burnaby, Ref.): Madam Speaker, I present a petition today from some 25 lower mainlanders, some of whom are constituents of mine from New Westminster—Burnaby, British Columbia.

The petitioners fear that inclusion of sexual orientation in the Canadian Human Rights Act will infringe on the historic rights of Canadians such as the freedoms of religion, conscience, expression and association. Therefore, they call upon Parliament to oppose any amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act or the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms which provide for the inclusion of the phrase sexual orientation.

Mr. Tony Ianno (Trinity—Spadina, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I rise today to present several petitions. Several members of my constituency of Trinity—Spadina call upon the Government of Canada to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act so as to give statutory recognition of homosexual relationships and to en-

shrine their equality before the law with that of heterosexual relationships.

On behalf of my constituents, I humbly submit these petitions.

CHILD CARE

Mr. Tony Ianno (Trinity—Spadina, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I also rise today for members of my constituency of Trinity—Spadina who call on the government to enact legislation of a national policy on child care that is unifying and provides non-discretionary, equitable and sufficient service to all residents of Canada.

On behalf of my constituents, I humbly submit this petition.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Ed Harper (Simcoe Centre, Ref.): Madam Speaker, I have four petitions to present on behalf of the constituents of Simcoe Centre today. The first group of petitioners request that the Government of Canada not amend the human rights act to include the phrase sexual orientation. The petitioners fear that such an inclusion could lead to homosexuals receiving the same benefits and societal privileges as married people.

MARRIAGE

Mr. Ed Harper (Simcoe Centre, Ref.): Madam Speaker, the second petition concerns the subject of the family. The petitioners request that Parliament oppose any legislation that would directly or indirectly redefine the family, including the provision of marriage and family benefits to those who are not related by ties of blood, marriage or adoption, where marriage is defined as a legal union between a man and a woman.

EUTHANASIA

Mr. Ed Harper (Simcoe Centre, Ref.): Madam Speaker, the third petition is on the issue of euthanasia.

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The petitioners request that current laws regarding active euthanasia be enforced and that Parliament not sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or euthanasia.

CRIMINAL CODE

Mr. Ed Harper (Simcoe Centre, Ref.): Madam Speaker, the final petition today is of the subject of section 745 of the Criminal Code. The petitioners request that Parliament repeal this section so that those convicted of first degree murder will have to serve their full 25-year sentence behind bars.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. John Bryden (Hamilton—Wentworth, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I rise to present three petitions today. The first is to ensure that the present provisions of the Criminal Code prohibiting assisted suicide be enforced vigorously and that Parliament