

*Routine Proceedings*

## ASSISTED SUICIDE

**Mr. Garry Breitkreuz (Yorkton—Melville, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, the second petition is also from various people in and around Saskatchewan. It asks 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 concur with these petitioners.

## GUN CONTROL

**Mr. Garry Breitkreuz (Yorkton—Melville, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, finally, these 44 or 45 petitions are all rather similar. They come from residents in southern Ontario, the Toronto area and areas surrounding Ottawa.

The petitioners ask that Parliament support laws which severely punish all violent criminals who use weapons in the commission of a crime. They support new Criminal Code firearms control provisions which recognize and protect the right of law-abiding citizens to own and use recreational firearms. Lastly they support legislation which will repeal and modify existing gun control laws which have not improved public safety, have not proven to be cost effective or are overly complex.

I concur with these petitioners.

[Translation]

## VOICE MAIL

**Mr. Michel Bellehumeur (Berthier—Montcalm, BQ):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, it is my pleasure to table a petition signed by members of seniors' clubs or AFEAS and by other constituents from the municipalities of Saint-Ambroise-de-Kildare, Sainte-Julienne, Saint-Jacques, Saint-Jean-de-Matha, Maskinongé, Rawdon, Saint-Barthélemy, Saint-Édouard, Berthierville, Saint-Esprit-de-Montcalm, Saint-Thomas-de-Joliette and Lanoraie. The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to abandon its plan to introduce voice mail systems.

Given that seniors are naturally more at a loss when faced with voice mail technology and that it is unconscionable that they be forced to use this communication medium, as you can understand, Mr. Speaker, I unconditionally support the request contained in this petition, which it is my pleasure to table.

[English]

## HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mr. Paul Steckle (Huron—Bruce, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this afternoon a number of petitions, pursuant to Standing Order 36.

The first has to do with the societal disapproval of same sex orientation. The petitioners pray and request that Parliament not amend the human rights code and not give approval to 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.

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The next petition has to do with same sex relationships. The petitioners pray that Parliament not amend the Canadian human rights code.

## ASSISTED SUICIDE

**Mr. Paul Steckle (Huron—Bruce, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, in this petition 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 abetting or aiding of suicide or active or passive euthanasia.

## ABORTION

**Mr. Paul Steckle (Huron—Bruce, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, in another petition the petitioners pray 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.

## GUN CONTROL

**Mr. Paul Steckle (Huron—Bruce, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, this petition relates to the gun control issue.

The petitioners pray and call upon Parliament to refrain from making further changes to existing firearm control legislation and direct the judicial system to enforce existing penalties more stringently in the effort to deliver effective crime deterrents.

I support these petitions.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mr. Paul Steckle (Huron—Bruce, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I have one further petition in which the petitioners call upon Parliament to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to protect individuals from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

## FEMALE CIRCUMCISION

**Mrs. Anna Terrana (Vancouver East, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise to present five petitions from the Vancouver area. The first one signed by 288 members of the community deals with the practice of female circumcision.

The petitioners feel that education is a priority for those who practice female circumcision and for those unaware of its prevalence. They therefore request that the Criminal Code of Canada be amended to penalize those involved in the practice.