condemn the atrocities and commemorate the first genocide of the 20th century.

Accordingly, the petitioners ask Parliament to change its policy of indifference to the Armenian genocide, to take the initiative and to actively promote international efforts in order to persuade Turkey to acknowledge its crime against humanity.

[English]

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS**

Mr. Jack Frazer (Saanich—Gulf Islands, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, it is my duty and honour to rise in the House to present a petition duly certified by the clerk of petitions on behalf of 43 constituents from the riding of Saanich—Gulf Islands and more specifically from the island of Saltspring.

The petitioners call on Parliament to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to protect individuals from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

### **GUN CONTROL**

Mr. Dick Harris (Prince George—Bulkley Valley, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am pleased to present four petitions to the House today from my riding of Prince George—Bulkley Valley containing several hundred names and dealing with the proposals for gun control.

One petition is from Mr. Dan Varma of Prince George, B.C.; two from Mr. Jim Eisert of Fraser Lake, B.C.; and, one from the Prince George branch of the Responsible Firearms Coalition.

All these petitioners request that Parliament support laws which will severely punish all violent criminals who use weapons in the commission of a crime; that Parliament will support new Criminal Code firearms control provisions which recognize and protect the right of law-abiding citizens to own and use recreational firearms; and finally, to support legislation which will repeal and modify existing gun control laws which have not improved public safety or have proven not to be cost effective or have proven to be overly complex so as to be ineffective and/or unenforceable.

• (1510)

[Translation]

# VOICE MAIL

Mr. Gilbert Fillion (Chicoutimi, BQ): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the pleasure of submitting to this House a petition from the people of the county of Chicoutimi, who wish to draw the attention of Parliament to the following: considering that seniors are naturally the least familiar with voice mail technology and considering that seniors are entitled to appropriate service with regard to their requests concerning

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income security, the petitioners ask the government to abandon its plan to install voice mail for senior citizens.

[English]

#### CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

Mr. Bernie Collins (Souris—Moose Mountain, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the pleasure to present the following petitions on behalf of constituents of my riding of Souris—Moose Mountain and other parts of Saskatchewan.

In the first petition, 238 people support the retention of the Canadian Wheat Board.

#### FIREARMS ACT

**Mr. Bernie Collins (Souris—Moose Mountain, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, the second petition contains 300 signatures of people who oppose Bill C-68 and ask that Parliament refrain from implementing any further firearms legislation.

#### ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Bernie Collins (Souris—Moose Mountain, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the third petition contains 315 signatures of people who oppose physician assisted suicide.

#### BOVINE SOMATOTROPIN

Mr. Paul DeVillers (Simcoe North, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the pleasure of presenting petitions signed by 201 residents primarily from my riding of Simcoe North.

The petitioners request that Parliament ban the use of BST in Canada and not accept milk products from other countries where BST is used to treat cattle.

Mr. Wayne Easter (Malpeque, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 36, I am pleased to present petitions on behalf of 183 people in Prince Edward Island.

The petitioners humbly request and call on Parliament to desist legalizing the use of BST or rbGH in Canada. They further request that legislation be passed requiring it to be mandatory for all imports produced from BST treated cows be so identified. I so support.

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# **QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 133, 141 and 159.

# [Text]

### Question No. 133-Mr. Simmons:

With respect to the scarch and rescue program, what action will the government take in response to the Auditor General's 1994 findings about the "lack of action on many