

LEONARD PELTIER

Mr. Peter Adams (Peterborough, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have a third petition which is from more than 125 citizens of Peterborough and the surrounding area.

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The petitioners point out that at the time of the extradition of Lakota-Chippewa native American Leonard Peltier from Canada to the United States, the information provided surrounding Mr. Peltier's case was fabricated by the U.S. authorities. Since that time new information has emerged which indicates that Leonard Peltier was not guilty of the crime for which he has spent the last 18 years in prison. Therefore the petitioners request that Parliament hold an external review of the 1976 extradition hearing and that he be brought back to Canada for asylum.

PARLIAMENTARY PRAYER

Mr. George S. Rideout (Moncton, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have two petitions pursuant to Standing Order 36.

The first petition deals with the prayer in Parliament.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. George S. Rideout (Moncton, Lib.): Madam Speaker, the second petition deals with assisted suicides.

It is a pleasure to present both of these petitions.

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Jim Gouk (Kootenay West—Revelstoke, Ref.): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by residents of Canada.

They point out that Canadian citizens support lawful and responsible use of firearms and ammunition, that many Canadians oppose laws to put more restrictions on the prohibition of legal firearms ownership rather than addressing violent criminal misuse of firearms.

The 1993 Auditor General's report indicates that many firearms regulations were brought in as a matter of public policy with no regard to further effectiveness or potential benefit.

The petitioners call on Parliament not to enact any further firearms control legislation, regulations or orders in council. The petition is signed by 277 residents of Kootenay West—Revelstoke. I highly concur with this petition.

MINING INDUSTRY

Hon. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon, NDP): Madam Speaker, I have a number of signatures from petitioners in the Yukon.

They note that Canada's mining industry is the mainstay of employment in over 150 communities across Canada. They therefore call on the Parliament of Canada to take action that will grow employment in this sector, promote exploration, rebuild Canada's mineral reserves, sustain mining communities

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and keep mining in Canada. In addition they request that the Canadian Industry Mineral Federation which has proposed a 10-point plan be supported by the Government of Canada.

GRANDPARENTS' RIGHTS

Miss Deborah Grey (Beaver River, Ref.): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I would like to present a petition signed by several people from Saint Paul, Alberta in the heart of my constituency of Beaver River.

They are saying that grandparents as a consequence of death, separation or divorce of their children are often denied access to their grandchildren. The relationship which exists between grandparents and grandchildren is very natural, fundamental and certainly a special one.

These petitioners are requesting that Parliament amend the Divorce Act to include a provision similar to section 611 in the Quebec civil code which states: "In no case may a father or mother without serious cause place obstacles between the child and grandparents. Failing agreement between the parties, the modalities of the relations are settled by the court".

They are asking that they be allowed to go to court to settle these matters.

Madam Speaker, I wish you a Merry Christmas.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. John Duncan (North Island—Powell River, Ref.): Madam Speaker, I rise to present two petitions.

One is on behalf of 149 of my constituents from the riding of North Island—Powell River requesting that Parliament not amend the human rights code that would indicate societal approval of same sex relationships.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. John Duncan (North Island—Powell River, Ref.): Madam Speaker, the other petition signed by 33 of my constituents requests that Parliament not repeal or amend section 241 of the Criminal Code and therefore will uphold the current law disallowing euthanasia. I personally concur with these petitioners.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Ms. Hedy Fry (Vancouver Centre, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I would like to present a petition from members of my riding. There are 563 signatures. It reads:

"We the undersigned residents of Canada draw to the attention of the House the following: That one of the core values of Canadian society is a strong belief in equality. That equality for all Canadians includes freedom from hatred, harassment and discrimination. That all Canadians regardless of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation must be treated equitably under the same circumstances. That great misunderstanding still exists in Canada resulting in acts of discrimination, harassment and crimes of hate against citizens on the basis of sexual orientation.