

*Routine Proceedings*

## MINING

**Hon. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present a petition from my constituents in the Dawson City, Yukon area.

These constituents, who are representatives of the Han Nation and Dawson Indian Band, are concerned about a particular piece of land where there is placer mining activity. They are particularly concerned that the Government of Canada look into this and make sure that all of the agreements heretofore made in the interest of aboriginal people are respected. That piece of land at the Klondike and Yukon Rivers called Tr'o-ju-wech'in is an extremely important piece of land.

Therefore my constituents ask the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to take all steps necessary to protect their rights and honour constitutionally binding obligations made by this House and Senate in 1867. They ask the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to prevent any further mining activity within the old village site of Tr'o-ju-wech'in.

## HARBOURS

**Mr. Lawrence MacAulay (Cardigan):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am pleased to present a petition on behalf of a number of constituents from Cardigan, Prince Edward Island.

They humbly pray and call upon Parliament to urge the government to ensure that the necessary maintenance and repairs are made to small craft harbour facilities in Prince Edward Island.

## DIVORCE ACT

**Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta):** Mr. Speaker, it is an honour to rise, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present a petition with 40 signatures that has been certified correct.

At the present there are no provisions in the Divorce Act of Canada or in any other federal legislation to provide a right for grandparents to have access to their grandchildren when parents may place obstacles in the way of such access.

The petitioners are requesting that the Divorce Act of Canada of 1985 be amended so that in no case may the father or mother, without serious cause, place obstacles to personal relations between the child and his grandparents. Failing agreement between the parties, the modalities of the relations are to be settled by the court.

[*Translation*]

## HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mr. Phillip Edmonston (Chambly):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I wish to present a petition signed by hundreds of residents of Quebec, British Columbia and other parts of Canada. Your petitioners call upon the House to pass legislation that would include the term "sexual orientation" in the Canadian Human Rights Act. Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Yukon have already passed similar legislation. It is now time for the Parliament of Canada to do the same.

[*English*]

**Mr. Ross Harvey (Edmonton East):** Mr. Speaker, I too have the distinct pleasure and honour to rise, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present a petition signed by hundreds of Canadians, a whole whack of whom are from Alberta and I believe a few from Scarborough West.

They call on this House to ensure that government and Parliament act immediately to bring forward an amendment to add sexual orientation to the Canadian Human Rights Act as a prohibited ground of discrimination. This is a wise and worth-while petition.

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## UNITEL

**Mr. Jack Whittaker (Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt):** Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present two petitions.

First, the petitioners from various places such as Okanagan Falls, Penticton, Naramata, Oliver and Osoyoos in the riding of Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt point out that the CRTC hearings on the Unitel bid to take over or to become involved in a telecommunications area in the province of British Columbia and elsewhere should be integrated with development of over-all Canadian telecommunications policy.