

*Routine Proceedings*

The petitioners I represent are concerned about making our streets safer for our citizens. They are opposed to the current practice of early release of violent offenders prior to serving the full extent of their sentences.

The petitioners pray that our streets will be made safer for law-abiding citizens and the families of the victims of convicted murderers.

## CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

**Mr. Garry Breitreuz (Yorkton—Melville, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions.

The first two petitions are in regard to the Canadian Wheat Board. They request that Parliament continue to give the Canadian Wheat Board monopoly powers in marketing wheat and barley for export.

The other petition goes beyond that and requests that the Canadian Wheat Board marketing monopoly powers include all grains and oilseeds.

The petitioners are from my home riding of Yorkton—Melville.

## TAXATION

**Mr. Garry Breitreuz (Yorkton—Melville, Ref.):** The next group contains 38 petitions again from my riding but also from other ridings in and around Saskatchewan.

The petitioners state that the Saskatchewan government is on the verge of balancing its budget, allowing Saskatchewan taxpayers to see the light at the end of the high tax tunnel. Therefore, they ask and request Parliament to reduce government spending instead of increasing taxes.

## GUN CONTROL

**Mr. Garry Breitreuz (Yorkton—Melville, Ref.):** The last group contains 28 petitions. They come from Ottawa and Toronto and many other areas in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

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

## ASSISTED SUICIDE

**Mr. Rex Crawford (Kent, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I am honoured once again to rise in the House pursuant to Standing Order 36 to present a petition on behalf of constituents of the riding of Kent. They 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 aiding or abetting of suicide, or active or passive euthanasia.

## GRANDPARENTS RIGHTS

**Mr. Jim Peterson (Willowdale, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, this petition from the constituents of Willowdale asks Parliament to amend the Divorce Act to include provisions similar to article 611 of the Quebec civil code. It states that 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 to be settled by the court. They request Parliament to further amend the Divorce Act to give a grandparent who is granted access to a child the right to make inquiries and to be given information as to the health, education and welfare of the child.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mr. Chuck Strahl (Fraser Valley East, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege to introduce three different petitions today.

The first petition is regarding Bill C-41. People from my riding and around the province of B.C. have asked that Parliament not pass Bill C-41 and that section 718.2 as presently written not include the undefined phrase sexual orientation in that bill. I am happy to concur with that.

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## TAXATION

**Mr. Chuck Strahl (Fraser Valley East, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, the next petition was sent to me by firefighters in my riding. They ask and pray for Parliament to allow the tax exemption status to rise from \$500 up to \$1,000 for their equipment. I am happy to support that measure as well. It has been stuck at that same level for some years.

## DANGEROUS OFFENDERS

**Mr. Chuck Strahl (Fraser Valley East, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, the last petition I have the privilege to present was signed by over 1,000 people from my constituency who are outraged over the murder of Melanie Carpenter, an event that occurred I am sad to say within my own constituency.

This petition calls upon Parliament to permit the use of post-sentence detention orders and to pass Bill C-240 which would limit the freedoms of high risk offenders. If Parliament hears this petition, innocent people like Melanie Carpenter would still be alive and dangerous ones like her murderer would remain behind bars.

**The Deputy Speaker:** The hon. member may not have been here yesterday when the Speaker invited members not to say whether or not they agree or disagree with the petitions.