

Routine Proceedings

The petitioners say, among other things, that they are entitled to appropriate service—a fair description, in my opinion—and call on the government to abandon its plan to install voice mail, particularly for seniors.

[English]

TAXATION

Mr. David Chatters (Athabasca, Ref.): Madam Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 36, I would like to present a petition containing approximately 200 signatures from the Slave Lake area of my constituency.

The petitioners ask that Parliament move toward a balanced budget through reduced government spending, not tax increases.

[Translation]

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Dan McTeague (Ontario, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have the pleasure of tabling three petitions.

[English]

The first petition is in conformity with Standing Order 36. The petitioners request that Parliament oppose any amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act or the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms which provide for the inclusion of the phrase “sexual orientation”. It is signed by 100 petitioners.

INSURANCE COMPANIES

Mr. Dan McTeague (Ontario, Lib.): Madam Speaker, the second petition has 59 signatures and deals with the enactment of legislation to have mandatory protection for insurance companies through Comcorp or its successors. The petitioners call upon Parliament to provide a two month period similar to the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation program.

FIREARMS

Mr. Dan McTeague (Ontario, Lib.): Madam Speaker, the final petition is signed by 26 petitioners from my riding. They call upon the government to enact legislation to prohibit the importation of new handguns as well as a minimum 10-year sentence for any conviction resulting from the use of a firearm in the commission of an offence.

GUARDIANSHIP

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface, Lib.): Madam Speaker, in this petition the petitioners, Canadians of the Islamic faith, want the government to consider guardianship as an option to adoption. Guardianship would include the same legal and moral obligations as does adoption now.

These petitioners point out that their request is in accord with their religious beliefs. They would like to see discussions begin now so that changes could be made in the very near future, in line with the points I have raised.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Len Taylor (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake, NDP): Madam Speaker, I have two petitions to present this morning.

The first petition is signed by a number of residents of Canwood and Shellbrook, Saskatchewan in the north central part of the province.

The petitioners note that the majority of Canadians believe that the privileges which society accords to heterosexual couples should not be extended to same sex relationships.

The petitioners request that Parliament not amend the Canadian Human Rights Act or the charter of rights and freedoms in any way which would tend to indicate societal approval of same sex relationships or of homosexuality, including amending the Canadian Human Rights Act to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase “sexual orientation”.

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CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

Mr. Len Taylor (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake, NDP): The second petition, Madam Speaker, is signed by a number of residents of The Battlefords—Meadow Lake constituency, from the communities of Speers, Richard, Maymont, North Battleford and Mayfair.

The petitioners draw to the attention of the House of Commons that a very vocal minority of citizens are requesting Parliament to institute a dual marketing system for wheat and barley. The petitioners request that Parliament continue to give the Canadian Wheat Board monopoly powers in the marketing of wheat and barley. The petitioners also request that Parliament expand further the Canadian Wheat Board monopoly powers to include all grain and oilseeds.

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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.): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 157 and 158.

[Text]

Question No. 157—**Mr. Hill (MacLeod):**

What are the names of the private health care facilities, by province/territory, that charge patients user fees, as defined by the Minister of Health?

Hon. Diane Marleau (Minister of Health, Lib.): On January 6, 1995 the Minister of Health wrote to all provinces and territories informing them that facility fees being charged to patients at private clinics are user charges contrary to the Canada Health Act. Provinces and territories were given until October 15, 1995 to put into place the necessary legislative or regulatory framework to ensure that medically necessary services are provided on uniform terms and conditions wherever they are offered. Some provinces have already announced plans to develop such frameworks. As provinces and territories have until October 15 to complete these efforts, it would be premature