

Routine Proceedings

talk about it? It is important and this situation must be corrected.

On behalf of more than 1,000 people who signed the petition that I am tabling today, we ask that it be restored, as it should be anyway.

• (1535)

[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

Ms. Roseanne Skoke (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table, pursuant to Standing Order 36, a petition which has been duly executed by constituents residing in the municipality of Victoria, British Columbia.

The petition opposes euthanasia and assisted suicide and prays that Parliament will not repeal or amend section 241 of the Criminal Code.

I support the petition and now table it with the honourable House.

RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Randy White (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition from residents of Fraser Valley West with which I wholeheartedly concur.

The petition asks that Parliament act immediately to extend protection to the unborn child by amending the Criminal Code to extend the same protection enjoyed by born human beings to unborn human beings.

[Translation]

AIR TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Philippe Paré (Louis-Hébert): Mr. Speaker, Transport Canada changed the route for seaplanes using the Lac Saint-Augustin base. This new route is very inconvenient for residents of the Jouvence area in my riding. Accordingly, the petitioners ask Transport Canada to review its decision of April 28.

[English]

HUMAN RIGHTS

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

The first is from 154 constituents in my riding who humbly submit that Parliament not amend the human rights code, the 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 human rights code to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase sexual orientation.

CRIMINAL CODE

Mr. John Duncan (North Island—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by 50 constituents who humbly submit that section 24 of the Criminal Code of Canada not be repealed or amended in any way and that the section disallowing assisted suicide be upheld as it recently was in the Rodriguez Supreme Court decision.

[Translation]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mr. Paul Crête (Kamouraska—Rivière-du-Loup): Mr. Speaker, I am glad to table this petition, which is a heartfelt appeal from more than 500 citizens, mostly from the riding of Kamouraska—Rivière-du-Loup, who call for the necessary action to be taken so that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation reopens the television stations in eastern Quebec that were closed in 1990. All in all, we have tabled more than 4,000 signatures in the House this afternoon to overturn this iniquitous decision of the former government.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, Questions Nos. 48 and 53 will be answered today.

[Text]

Question No. 48—**Mr. Simmons:**

With respect to the Auditor General's finding in his 1992 report that, for 1989 and 1990, the Canadian Coast Guard's "search and rescue vessels and aircraft were instrumental in incident resolution less than 20 per cent of the time", (a) what specific action has the Department of Transport taken to redress this, (b) will the use of other federal and non-federal resources, such as the Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary, be expanded, and (c) will a set of search and rescue service standards, and a national search and rescue program, be developed in full, as recommended by the Auditor General?

Hon. Douglas Young (Minister of Transport): (a) and (c) The Canadian Coast Guard has established levels of service, as well as comprehensive operating and performance standards. In 1992, the national search and rescue program concept was approved by the lead minister for search and rescue, the Minister of National Defence. The Coast Guard continues to look for ways to improve the effectiveness of the national search and rescue program in order to save as many lives as possible. Figures for 1992 indicate that primary Coast Guard search and rescue vessels responded to over 41 per cent of all marine search and rescue taskings in Canada and saved the lives of 1,200 persons in distress.