

Routine Proceedings

The Speaker: Colleagues, I thank the hon. Minister of Health for giving us the information. This circumstance carries quite a few ramifications for all sitting members of Parliament. As was suggested by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands, I would like some time to review both the statements of the hon. member for Saint John and the hon. Minister of Health.

After my deliberations, I will return to the House with a decision. I thank all members for their interventions.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to one petition.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ACT

Hon. Diane Marleau (Minister of Health, Lib.) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-95, an act to establish the Department of Health and to amend and repeal certain acts.

(Motions deemed adopted, bill read the first time and printed.)

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PETITIONS

BILL C-240

Mr. Jack Frazer (Saanich—Gulf Islands, Ref.): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, it is my duty and honour to rise in the House to present a petition, duly certified by the clerk of petitions, on behalf of 60 individuals from the riding of Saanich—Gulf Islands and surrounding areas.

The petitioners call on Parliament to enact legislation against serious personal injury crimes being committed by high risk offenders by permitting the use of post-sentence detention orders and specifically passing Bill C-240.

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MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Dianne Brushett (Cumberland—Colchester, Lib.): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I would like to present a petition this morning, which has 922 signatures.

The petition pertains to the Ministry of Human Resources Development and the objection to improving the social security policy in Canada, which is unacceptable to these nearly 1,000 students of my riding.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Brent St. Denis (Algoma, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have several petitions I would like to present this morning.

The first petition is from constituents in the Blind River area of my riding. The petitioners wish to express to the government their concerns with respect to the issue of same sex legislation.

On the same issue, there is another petition signed by folks from the area of Blind River and Algoma Mills.

BOSNIA

Mr. Brent St. Denis (Algoma, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I would like to present a petition that has to do with the rape of women in the war in Bosnia. Constituents from the Sault Ste. Marie area of the Algoma riding wish to express their concerns on the issue.

BOVINE SOMATOTROPIN

Mrs. Georgette Sheridan (Saskatoon—Humboldt, Lib.): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I have the honour today to present a petition on behalf of certain individuals from my riding of Saskatoon—Humboldt as well as other areas in the province of Saskatchewan.

The signatories to the petition are deeply concerned about the use of BST in dairy production and urge the House to desist from passing legislation legalizing the use of BST and require that products using BST be identified on their entry to Canada.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mrs. Sharon Hayes (Port Moody—Coquitlam, Ref.): Madam Speaker, it is my duty and honour today to present three petitions from people from across Canada.

Two of the petitions are signed by almost 200 individuals who call upon Parliament to oppose any amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act or to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms that provide for the inclusion of the phrase "sexual orientation".

I concur with the petitions.

EUTHANASIA

Mrs. Sharon Hayes (Port Moody—Coquitlam, Ref.): Madam Speaker, the third petition I have the honour to present today is from people in the Vancouver area, some of whom are from my riding of Port Moody—Coquitlam.

The petitioners pray that Parliament ensure that the present provision of the Criminal Code prohibiting assisted suicide be enforced vigorously and that Parliament make no changes in the