

Routine Proceedings

They therefore call upon Parliament to amend the Criminal Code to ensure the right of all Canadians to die with dignity by allowing people with terminal or irreversible and debilitating illness the right to the assistance of a physician in ending their lives at a time of their choice, subject to strict safeguards to prevent abuse and to ensure that the decision is free, informed, competent and voluntary.

FYROM

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway, NDP): Second, Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition which has been co-ordinated by the Hellenic Canadian Congress of Canada and signed by hundreds of Canadians of Hellenic origin and friends in British Columbia.

The petitioners note that Canada has strong and enduring economic, political and strategic ties with Greece, being its ally during every major conflict in this century. They comment on the historical evidence with respect to Macedonia having been a part of the Greek nation for over 25 centuries that Greece has no claim on the territory of FYROM. They express concern about FYROM hostile propaganda campaign against Greece and its hostile constitutional provisions.

Therefore the petitioners call upon Parliament to refrain from taking any action involving recognition of FYROM until such time as its government renounces the use of the name Macedonia, removes objectionable language from its constitution, abandons the use of symbols implying territorial expansionism, ceases hostile propaganda against Greece and, finally, adheres fully to the norms and principles of the conference on security and co-operation in Europe.

THE SENATE

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway, NDP): The third petition, Mr. Speaker, is a petition which calls upon the Parliament of Canada to recognize the absurd waste of money in the Senate of Canada.

It notes that the Senate is not elected and is not accountable to the people of Canada and therefore calls upon Parliament to end this wasteful use of taxpayers' money and abolish the Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway, NDP): My final petition, Mr. Speaker, is one which relates to the issue of the conversion of military jobs and facilities to civilian use. It is signed by a number of British Columbia residents and calls upon Parliament to use 1 per cent or more of the savings produced by the reduction in the Department of National Defence budget for

the establishment of a national conversion resource centre and local conversion committees at each Canadian defence facility.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, if Questions Nos. 96 and 126 could be made Orders for Returns, these returns would be tabled immediately.

The Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that Questions Nos. 96 and 126 be made Orders for Returns?

An hon. member: Agreed.

[Text]

Question No. 96—Mr. Hill:

For each of the last three years, (a) how many times were firearms used in the commission of criminal offences, (b) how many charges were laid under section 85 of the Criminal Code in each province, (c) how many of those charged with this offence were the legally registered owner of the firearm used in the commission or attempted commission of the crime, (d) how many charges were withdrawn, (e) how many charges resulted in acquittals, (f) how many charges resulted in convictions, and (g) what sentences were levied when convictions were registered?

(Return tabled.)

Question No. 126—Mr. Simmons:

What action is being taken by the Department of Finance and the Department of National Revenue to resolve the problems associated with the tax assistance for retirement savings TARS program, including the need to improve accountability for the costs and results of the TARS program; the need to review, revise and strengthen the current compliance strategy; and the need for both departments to improve the information provided to Parliament on TARS, as outlined by the Auditor General in his 1994 report?

(Return tabled.)

[English]

Mr. Milliken: Mr. Speaker, I ask that all remaining questions be allowed to stand.

The Deputy Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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MOTION FOR PAPERS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers be allowed to stand.

The Deputy Speaker: Shall the Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers be allowed to stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.