

Routine Proceedings

(Motion agreed to.)

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PETITIONS**DANGEROUS OFFENDERS**

Mrs. Jan Brown (Calgary Southeast, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I rise before this House once again to present the 17th petition in this course of action undertaken on behalf of constituents who wish to halt the early release from prison of Robert Paul Thompson. April 11, 1995 is the date set for the parole hearing.

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 victims of convicted murderers.

• (1035)

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mrs. Rose-Marie Ur (Lambton—Middlesex, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a petition signed by constituents of Lambton—Middlesex and duly certified by the clerk of petitions, pursuant to Standing Order 36.

The petitioners pray and request that Parliament not amend the Criminal Code as proposed in Bill C-41, the human rights code, 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 by including the undefined phrase of sexual orientation.

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Leon E. Benoit (Vegreville, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour on behalf of constituents of Vegreville to table three petitions in the House today.

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

I present this petition on behalf of my constituent, Stan Chevrax, and the people who signed the petition.

THE FAMILY

Mr. Leon E. Benoit (Vegreville, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, in the second petition, the petitioners request Parliament to oppose any legislation that would directly or indirectly redefine the family, including the provision of marriage and family benefits to those who are not family with family being defined as those individuals related by ties of blood, marriage or adoption, where marriage is the legal union of a man and a woman.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Leon E. Benoit (Vegreville, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, in the third petition, the petitioners pray and request 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. This includes not amending the Canadian Human Rights Act to include in the prohibited grounds for discrimination the undefined phrase of sexual orientation.

Mr. Bob Mills (Red Deer, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I present a petition today signed by 30 people, 21 from my constituency.

Although the petitioners and I do not have the same beliefs, I present to Parliament today on their behalf a petition that calls upon Parliament to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

I believe in complete equality with no special status to any group.

TAXATION

Mr. Jim Abbott (Kootenay East, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present to this House a petition containing approximately 3,900 signatures.

The petition is almost presented late because the petitioners pray and request that Parliament reduce government spending instead of increasing taxes and implement a taxpayer protection act to limit federal spending.

It is interesting that out of an area population in the town of Golden which only has 2,371 households, four women went around and collected 2,500 of the 3,900 signatures on this petition. There was a tremendous amount of pressure on the government. The reason I say it is almost presented late is that unfortunately, although the tax increases were limited, they were nonetheless there.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Dick Harris (Prince George—Bulkley Valley, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am pleased to