

riding of Bourassa and the greater Montreal area who object to retirement age being moved from 65 to 67.

This petition was signed by many seniors from Montréal-Nord and a large number of FTQ workers. These petitioners argue that every Canadian citizen contributes to superannuation and therefore has a legitimate claim to a pension upon reaching 65 years of age, which is already a lot.

#### REGISTERED RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLANS

**Mr. Osvaldo Nunez (Bourassa, BQ):** Mr. Speaker, I would also like to present a second petition. It concerns registered retirement savings plans. The 126 petitioners object to the proposed new tax on RRSPs, as such plans are the only way for Canadians to secure a comfortable retirement. Just hours before the Minister of Finance tables his budget, this proposed tax could jeopardize the financial security of thousands of Canadians and Quebecers. Needless to say I strongly support both petitions.

[English]

#### THE FAMILY

**Mr. Jay Hill (Prince George—Peace River, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am presenting several petitions today on behalf of my constituents of Prince George—Peace River.

The first petition requests that Parliament oppose any legislation that would directly or indirectly redefine family, including the provision of marriage and family benefits to those who are not family as defined in the petition.

#### JUSTICE

**Mr. Jay Hill (Prince George—Peace River, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, the second petition requests that Parliament provide a remedy, to intervene and bring forward a national public registry of past and present sexual offenders to better protect the children of our communities.

#### RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

**Mr. Jay Hill (Prince George—Peace River, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, the third petition prays that Parliament amend the Criminal Code to extend the same protection enjoyed by born human beings to unborn human beings.

#### ASSISTED SUICIDE

**Mr. Jay Hill (Prince George—Peace River, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, the next petition requests that current laws regarding assisted suicide be enforced and no changes be made to the law which would sanction or allow suicide or euthanasia.

#### HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mr. Jay Hill (Prince George—Peace River, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, the last petition I have to present today asks Parliament not to indicate societal approval of same sex relationships or of

homosexuality by amending legislation to include the undefined phrase sexual orientation.

#### INCOME TAX

**Mr. Jag Bhaduria (Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville, Ind. Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to table two petitions signed by the constituents of Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville.

The petitioners call on the government to declare 1995 as a tax freeze year to show leadership to all Canadians, not to increase the tax burden on middle and low income working Canadians and to reduce the deficit by cutting wastage and by reducing the overall expenses of every government department by at least 5 per cent.

#### HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I have three petitions. Two are on the same topic, asking that the privileges which society accords to heterosexual couples not be extended to same sex relationships.

I personally am pleased to support those petitioners.

#### JUSTICE

**Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, the next petition may be a little redundant, but perhaps the minister can accept it as encouragement to move on. Its petitioners express concern at the recent court decision allowing extreme drunkenness as a defence against serious crime.

I also support that petition and support the minister in his efforts to look after that major problem in our legal system.

#### HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mr. Jack Frazer (Saanich—Gulf Islands, Ref.):** Mr. 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 50 constituents of Saanich—Gulf Islands and surrounding area.

The petitioners call on Parliament to 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.

#### FIREARMS

**Mr. Garry Breitkreuz (Yorkton—Melville, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions that are identical. The petitioners ask that Parliament support laws that will severely punish all violent criminals who use weapons in the commission of a crime.

Second, the petitioners support new Criminal Code firearms control provisions which recognize and protect the right of law-abiding citizens to own and use recreational firearms.

Last, the petitioners support legislation which will repeal and modify existing gun control laws which have not improved public safety or have not proven to be cost effective or have