

Routine Proceedings

killer cards in law and to advise producers of killer cards that their product if destined for Canada will be seized and destroyed.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. John O'Reilly (Victoria—Haliburton, Lib.): The third petition asks that Parliament not amend the human rights code, the Canadian Human Rights Act or the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to indicate societal approval of same sex relationships.

RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. John O'Reilly (Victoria—Haliburton, Lib.): The fourth 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.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. John O'Reilly (Victoria—Haliburton, Lib.): The fifth petition asks that Parliament ensure that the present provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting assisted suicide be enforced vigorously and that Parliament make no changes in the law which would sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or active or passive euthanasia.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay—Nipigon, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from many hundreds of residents of my riding of Thunder Bay—Nipigon.

The petitioners plead that the crimes committed on society by young offenders are on a serious uprise throughout all of Canada and that there are certain elements in the young people of our communities who have little or no respect for law and order and the protection of life of their fellow citizens. The petitioners abhor the lack of remorse or shame shown by many of the young offenders within our communities.

The petitioners implore Parliament to review and revise our laws with respect to the Young Offenders Act by at least releasing the names and lowering the age to allow prosecution of the young offenders in this country to meet the severity of the crime.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Philip Mayfield (Cariboo—Chilcotin, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present three petitions from constituents in Williams Lake, British Columbia.

The first petition calls upon Parliament to ensure that the Criminal Code prohibiting assisted suicide be vigorously enforced.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Philip Mayfield (Cariboo—Chilcotin, Ref.): The second petition calls upon Parliament not to amend 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

Canadian Human Rights Act to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the undefined phrase of sexual orientation.

RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Philip Mayfield (Cariboo—Chilcotin, Ref.): The third petition calls upon Parliament 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.

I concur with all of these petitions.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Len Taylor (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake, NDP): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions to present this afternoon, pursuant to Standing Order 36.

The first petition is signed by a number of constituents of The Battlefords—Meadow Lake, all members of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's Organization in The Battlefords.

The petitioners draw the attention of the House to the following: Decriminalizing assisted suicide or legalizing euthanasia could lead to a reduction of patient-physician trust and respect, the degrading of the value of human life and the erosion of moral and ethical values. Palliative care is active and compassionate care which can relieve the pain and suffering of terminally ill persons and families without the dangers of suicide.

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Therefore the petitioners pray that Parliament continue to reject euthanasia and physician assisted suicide in Canada and that the present provisions of section 241 of the Criminal Code of Canada which prohibits the counselling, procuring, aiding or abetting of a person to commit suicide be enforced rigorously, and that Parliament consider expanding palliative care that would be accessible to all dying persons in Canada.

CANADA POST

Mr. Len Taylor (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake, NDP): Mr. Speaker, the second petition is signed by a number of residents of various parts of Canada. The petition presented to me states that Canadians for several decades have been provided home delivery of their mail not by privatized post offices but by Canada Post offices.

Further, the recent introduction of supermailboxes has further reduced and eroded post office services that all Canadians have come to expect as a normal federal government service.

Therefore the undersigned petitioners pray and call on Parliament to end privatized postal outlets and reinstate full postal services and products normally provided by Canada Post through sub post offices.