

I am pleased to present this bill today. I am pleased to indicate that this bill is presented with the support of the Adoption Council of Canada.

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

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INCOME TAX ACT

Mr. Jim Silye (Calgary Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-247, an act to amend the Income Tax Act (child care expenses).

He said: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to try and correct an injustice we found through the Income Tax Act in its efforts to drive and dictate social policies.

The Income Tax Act currently discriminates against stay at home parents because the child care expense deduction is only available to families who pay institutions to look after their children. Because stay at home parents are not a "discreet and insular minority" the courts have ruled they do not qualify for a child care expense deduction.

• (1205)

The purpose of this bill is to amend the Income Tax Act to allow parents to choose the method of child care and allow the deduction of a fixed amount as child care expenses of \$5,000 up to age 7 or \$3,000 between ages 8 and 14, regardless of the income of the parents and of the amount of child care expenses actually incurred.

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

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I think you will find unanimous consent for the following motion. I move:

That, on Tuesday, May 10, 1994, the House shall continue to sit after 6.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering government business Motion No. 12 in the name of the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, provided that the Chair shall not receive any dilatory motions or quorum calls and that, when no additional member wishes to speak, but in any case no later than 10 o'clock p.m., the Speaker shall adjourn the House to the next sitting day.

(Motion agreed to.)

Mr. Milliken: Mr. Speaker, I think you also will find unanimous consent for the following motion. I move:

Routine Proceedings

That, notwithstanding any standing order, the sitting of the House on June 6, 1994 shall commence at two o'clock p.m.

(Motion agreed to.)

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PETITIONS

CRIMINAL CODE

Mr. Lee Morrison (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I have yet another petition from constituents of mine requesting that section 745 of the Criminal Code of Canada be repealed. I would like to table this pursuant to Standing Order 36. I do concur completely with the petition.

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

Mr. John Maloney (Erie): Mr. Speaker, today I have the solemn responsibility pursuant to Standing Order 36 to table a certified petition.

The petition prays for more severe penalties for those convicted of violent offences, the release of names of those young offenders convicted of murder, sex crimes and other violent assaults and the automatic transfer to adult court for those young offenders charged with sex crimes and murder.

The petition results from the fatal shooting of Carrie Lynn Pinard in the summer of 1992. The Pinard and Racine families of Welland who are with us today in the gallery have worked hard to bring this issue and this petition to the government's attention.

It is sad that such a petition has to be brought to the attention of the House. It is significant that over 54,000 people have signed it.

CRIMINAL CODE

Mr. Morris Bodnar (Saskatoon—Dundurn): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions identical in form today both asking that section 745 of the Criminal Code be repealed by this Parliament.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Francis G. LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty pursuant to Standing Order 36 to present a petition on behalf of numerous residents of my constituency.

They join many others in Canada in urging the Government of Canada to make definite changes to the Young Offenders Act in order to prevent more serious crimes from happening and to provide the protection for the innocent persons of this country.

• (1210)

The petition is motivated by the tragic murder earlier this year of Mr. John Jarvis of Whitehead, Nova Scotia. The first signature on the petition is that of his widow, Mrs. Reta Jarvis, who herself was shot during the same incident.