PETITIONS

CONTINUED OPERATION OF MORGENTALER CLINIC IN TORONTO

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by several dozen constituents of Thessalon, Ontario, expressing their concern over the operation of the Morgentaler clinic in Toronto.

USE OF PENSION INCOME IN CALCULATION OF UI BENEFITS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, thanks to the work done by Mr. Flynn from Kamloops I am presenting a number of petitions from people who are concerned about the Government's decision to include various types of income when calculating UI benefits including pension income, particularly for people in the RCMP and the armed forces. The petitioners are simply asking the Government to reconsider this punitive situation in which they have been asked to pay into insurance programs knowing that they cannot collect if they are in the armed forces and other groups.

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF TELEVISION TOWER IN SWEABURG—REQUEST FOR HEARINGS

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table a petition from about 100 residents of the community of Sweaburg in the constituency of Oxford who are objecting to and opposing the construction of an 800-foot television tower in their community without hearing the views of the people of that community. They humbly pray and ask Parliament to halt the construction of this tower until those proper hearings in the community can be carried out.

RIDEAU HALL—PUBLIC'S ACCESS TO GROUNDS

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present some 34 additional petitions in the effort of many constituents of Ottawa—Vanier, residents of the National Capital Region and visitors to our city to have the grounds of the Governor General's residence open to the public. I know that there has been some improvement in the situation today. The door is ajar a bit, but in the name of the petitioners I would like to ask the Government to review the decision and to consult with the group of citizens representing thousands of constituents and citizens of Canada who want to enjoy the grounds of the Governor General at the same time as maintaining the security of the Governor General.

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CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa—Carleton) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-292, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (life imprisonment).

Intoduction of Bills

He said: Mr. Speaker, I am presenting to the House what I believe is a unique option to amending the Criminal Code of Canada with respect to the very emotionally charged issue of capital punishment for various degrees of murder, and in particular first-degree murder or second-degree murder where the murderer had previously been convicted of culpable homicide.

This Bill proposes to amend the Criminal Code by eliminating parole of any kind for those convicted of the abovementioned crimes. That is, life imprisonment will mean for the rest of his or her natural life without parole.

What is new in this Bill is that an option will be given to a convicted murderer to take his or her own life within 90 days of a final appeal process by a self-administered, orally ingested lethal substance.

The Bill also increases the minimum punishment for high treason or second-degree murder from 10 years to 25 years.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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CANADIAN AND BRITISH INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT, FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT, WINDING-UP ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Finance)) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-123, an Act to amend the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act, the Foreign Insurance Companies Act and the Winding-Up Act.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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RADIO ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Communications) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-124, an Act to amend the Radio Act.