

Routine Proceedings

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise to present a petition signed by over 700 Canadians from British Columbia, Alberta, and various municipalities in Ontario including Oshawa, Mississauga, Orillia, Pickering and Barrie.

The petition articulates the sorrow, pain and loss on the death of Helen Groat, a victim of violence. They note the increase in murder and manslaughter by individuals on early release.

The petitioners call upon Parliament to restrict the leniency and the issue of day passes and early release so that all of us may be better protected.

THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. Al Horning (Okanagan Centre): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour to present two identical petitions with a total of 729 names, signed by constituents from my riding of Okanagan Centre, requesting the Government of Canada conduct a binding referendum on all constitutional amendments.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions to present today. One is that the Government of Canada has seen fit since Confederation to apply a zero rate of tax to magazines, books and newspapers and now proposes to include them in the GST, in fact it has imposed it.

The undersigned 100 petitioners from across Canada humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reaffirm the historic principles embodied in the tax-free status for the printed word by returning the zero rate in the GST legislation and regulations.

LIFETIME CAPITAL GAINS

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): The second petition is from 41 Nepean petitioners with regard to the recent budget, where the government eliminated the \$100,000 lifetime capital gains exemption on real estate purchased after February 1992. These people again call upon Parliament to reinstate the \$100,000 lifetime capital gains exemption as it certainly affects people of the middle class and their savings.

CROATIA

Mr. Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour today to present a petition on behalf of the Croatian community of Thunder Bay whereby they implore the government to keep using whatever means are possible in order to bring some peace and harmony to their troubled homelands.

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TAXATION

Mr. Bob Kilger (Stormont—Dundas): Mr. Speaker, I have four petitions to present to the House today, the first being from Canadians from the province of Manitoba.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to amend the Income Tax Act such that child related benefits and deductions for child care are fair and equitable to all family structures based on financial need, irrespective of child care choice.

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

Mr. Bob Kilger (Stormont—Dundas): Mr. Speaker, the second petition is signed by residents of Cornwall and other eastern Ontario communities in support of the parents of Nina de Villiers and I am sure I could add, regrettably, of others since.

Therefore, the petitioners request that Parliament recognize that crimes of violence against the person are serious and abhorrent to society and that it amend the Criminal Code of Canada, the Bail Reform Act of 1972 and the Parole Act accordingly.

NATIONAL REFERENDUM

Mr. Bob Kilger (Stormont—Dundas): Mr. Speaker the third petition again is signed by residents of Cornwall.

The petitioners call upon government to recognize that a referendum of the people be binding upon Parliament to accept or reject constitutional amendments proposed by the government.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Bob Kilger (Stormont—Dundas): Mr. Speaker finally, I have a petition signed by Canadians from the province of Nova Scotia.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reaffirm the historic principles embodied in the tax-free status for the printed word by retaining the zero rate in the GST legislation and regulations.