

*Routine Proceedings*

and provide dismissive argument for each issue raised in this petition.

## GUN CONTROL

**Mr. Philip Mayfield (Cariboo—Chilcotin, Ref.):** Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise to present three petitions signed by almost 300 people from several communities in my Cariboo—Chilcotin constituency.

My constituents are convinced that existing gun controls are sufficient. Therefore they call on Parliament to support laws that will severely punish all violent criminals who use weapons in the commission of a crime, support new Criminal Code firearms control provisions which recognize and protect the right of law-abiding citizens to own and use recreational firearms, and support legislation that will repeal or modify existing gun control laws that have not improved public safety or have proven not to be cost effective or proven to be overly complex so as to be ineffective or inefficient.

These petitions are presented with my concurrence.

## ASSISTED SUICIDE

**Mr. John Maloney (Erie, Lib.):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I have two petitions, representing the views of over 163 Erie constituents which I wish to present to the House today.

The first petition calls on the government to enforce the existing provisions in the Criminal Code prohibiting assisted suicide. It also asks that no further changes be made in the law that would sanction the aiding or abetting of suicide or active or passive euthanasia.

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## HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mr. John Maloney (Erie, Lib.):** Madam Speaker, the second petition is on the issue of same sex benefits.

The petitioners request the government not to consider any amendments to the human rights act or the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to include in the prohibited grounds of discrimination the phrase "sexual orientation".

## ASSISTED SUICIDE

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway, N.D.P.):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by hundreds of residents of my constituency of Burnaby—Kingsway.

They point out that the current provisions of the Criminal Code deny people who are suffering from terminal or irreversible and debilitating illness the right to choose freely and voluntarily to end their lives with the assistance of a physician. Therefore they call upon Parliament to amend the Criminal Code to ensure the right of all Canadians to die with dignity by allowing people with terminal or irreversible and debilitating illness the right to the assistance of a physician in ending their lives at a time of their choice, subject to strict safeguards to

prevent abuse and to ensure that the decision is free, informed, competent and voluntary.

## CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

**Mr. Art Hanger (Calgary Northeast, Ref.):** Madam Speaker, I have three petitions to table.

In the first the petitioners request that Parliament recognize that those who commit murder should never be released from prison. To that end, we ask that capital punishment be reinstated for those offenders.

The petition bears over 2,200 names.

## YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

**Mr. Art Hanger (Calgary Northeast, Ref.):** Madam Speaker, in the second petition the petitioners, residents of communities in Alberta, in memory of Ryan and in support of Stu and Marg Garrioch and their family request that Parliament recognize that crimes of violence are serious and out of control, putting our society at risk.

They ask that the House amend the Young Offenders Act to give society the protection it deserves. There are over 2,500 signatures.

## CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

**Mr. Art Hanger (Calgary Northeast, Ref.):** Madam Speaker, the third petition bears 1,655 signatures and requests that Parliament recognize that crimes of violence are serious and out of control, putting all of society at risk and that life should be life with no parole for violent offenders convicted of first degree murder and a minimum of 25 years without parole for those convicted of second degree murder.

I concur with the contents of each petition.

## ASSISTED SUICIDE

**Mr. Harold Culbert (Carleton—Charlotte, Lib.):** Madam Speaker, I have two petitions that have been duly certified by the clerk of petitions.

The first petition is to the House of Commons assembled and requests Parliament to ensure that the present provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting assisted suicide be enforced vigorously and that in addition, Parliament make no changes in the law that would sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or any activity designed to terminate human life.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mr. Harold Culbert (Carleton—Charlotte, Lib.):** Madam Speaker, in the second petition the petitioners are asking Parliament to ensure not to amend the human rights code, the human rights act or the charter of rights and freedoms in any way that would indicate societal approval of same sex relationships or homosexuality.

## ASSISTED SUICIDE

**Mr. Dick Harris (Prince George—Bulkley Valley, Ref.):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I am proud to present four petitions dealing with the issue of euthanasia,