

Routine Proceedings

[English]

WESTERN GRAIN TRANSPORTATION ACT

Hon. Douglas Young (Minister of Transport, Lib.) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-66, an act to amend the Western Grain Transportation Act.

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

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VETERANS REVIEW AND APPEAL BOARD ACT

Hon. Lawrence MacAulay (for the Minister of Veterans Affairs, Lib.) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-67, an act to establish the veterans review and appeal board, to amend the Pension Act, to make consequential amendments to other acts and to repeal the Veterans Appeal Board Act.

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

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CANADA PENSION PLAN ACT

Mr. Janko Peric (Cambridge, Lib.) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-299, an act to amend the Canada pension plan (increased contributions and pension).

He said: Madam Speaker, I have the pleasure to table a private member's bill which aims to improve the Canada pension plan.

The amendments to the Canada pension plan which I am proposing will cause the plan to grow significantly in contributions and benefits. The expanded plan will eventually result in a more adequate retirement pension for all Canadians and will reduce the need for private pensions and retirement savings plans.

The Canada pension plan would then provide an adequate and fully portable pension for all Canadians.

I hope that all members will support this initiative.

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

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[Translation]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE**AGRICULTURE**

Hon. Alfonso Gagliano (Secretary of State (Parliamentary Affairs) and Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I move that 15 members, three interpreters and three members of the staff of the Standing

Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be authorized to hold meetings on the future of Canadian agriculture in Saint-Hyacinthe, Victoriaville, Quebec City, Forestville, Halifax and Charlottetown from January 22 to 28, 1995, and in Kelowna, Kamloops, Lethbridge, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, London, St. Catharines, Brockville and Alfred, from February 5 to 15, 1995.

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): Is there unanimous consent to move the motion?

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): There is not unanimous consent.

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PETITIONS**HUMAN RIGHTS**

Mr. Bill Graham (Rosedale, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have the pleasure to present to the House a petition which prays that this House will speedily recognize the need to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The petition is signed by over 90 Canadians. I am pleased to support this petition.

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Peter Adams (Peterborough, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have a petition which was collected and prepared by students of St. Anne's School in Peterborough. It reads:

"We the undersigned citizens and children of the province of Ontario draw the attention of the House of Commons and the Minister of Justice to the following: That criminals do not fear the law as much as we the citizens and children fear for our safety because of recent crime involving guns. We wish that the federal government enact more severe penalties for the perpetrators of crimes involving the use of firearms. We believe in crime control as well as gun control".

CHILD ABUSERS

Mr. Peter Adams (Peterborough, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have another petition which is signed by more than 120 people of the Peterborough area which reads:

"We the undersigned residents of Canada draw the attention of the House to the following: Whereas babies and young children lack the ability to defend themselves against abusers; and whereas thousands of innocent, vulnerable, defenceless children every year fall victim to sexual abuse, serious physical and psychological harm, maiming and death; and whereas child abusers must be dealt with harshly by the criminal justice system, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to amend the Criminal Code to ensure stiffer sentences and mandatory treatment for all child abusers".