

Routine Proceedings

The petitioners pray that Parliament will view the reinstatement of VIA Rail as a positive step for the environment, economic development in the community, and the comfort and safety of its citizens. I strongly support the latter petition.

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Wayne Easter (Malpeque, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I present a petition on behalf of a number of residents of P.E.I.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to desist from passing additional restrictive legislation with respect to firearms or ammunition and to direct its attention to the apprehension and adequate punishment of those who criminally misuse firearms or other deadly weapons.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Myron Thompson (Wild Rose, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have three petitions to present today. The first one is from Banff and area. It requests that sexual orientation not be included in section 718.2 of Bill C-41.

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Myron Thompson (Wild Rose, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the second petition is from petitioners from the Strathmore area. They ask that Parliament support laws that punish all violent criminals who use weapons in the commission of crime and support code firearm provisions that protect the rights of law-abiding citizens to own recreational firearms.

The Deputy Speaker: I am sorry but there are too many people waiting.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Art Hanger (Calgary Northeast, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have several petitions to present. I will lump them together.

The first petition with 474 signatures is on sexual orientation. The petitioners pray and request that Parliament not amend the Canadian Human Rights Act or the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in any way that would tend to indicate societal approval of same sexual relationships.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Art Hanger (Calgary Northeast, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition on euthanasia with 309 signatures. The petitioners pray that Parliament not repeal or amend section 241 of the Criminal Code in any way and uphold the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada on September 30, 1993 to disallow assisted suicide or euthanasia.

RIGHTS OF GRANDPARENTS

Mrs. Daphne Jennings (Mission—Coquitlam, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I present even more petitions on behalf of Canadian grandchildren to be able to see, talk with and visit their grandparents.

The petitioners ask that Parliament amend the Divorce Act to include a provision to help recognize children's access to their grandparents.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I appreciate your trying to arrange for the maximum number of members to present petitions.

Since the 15-minute rule is an arbitrary rule and we regularly alter the standing orders to meet the needs of members, could I suggest that today we do not see the clock to allow people who have been away for the past week ample opportunity to present petitions on behalf of their constituents?

The Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent not to see the clock?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

An hon. member: No.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Grant Hill (MacLeod, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have five petitions to present today. I will be brief. Two of them reflect on sexual orientation, saying that Parliament shall not include sexual orientation.

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

Mr. Grant Hill (MacLeod, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I also have two petitions asking for limitation of federal spending.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Grant Hill (MacLeod, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I have a final petition to present that talks about deterring young people from committing crimes by changing the Young Offenders Act.

GUN CONTROL

Ms. Roseanne Skoke (Central Nova, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have 20 petitions containing the same subject matter. They contain 3,300 signatures from my riding of Central Nova.

The petitioners support the ownership and responsible use of firearms. They believe that there are already adequate existing laws governing the ownership, sale, use, transportation and storage of firearms. They oppose any new firearm registry or registration fees, new costs, or any further restrictions on firearms.

They ask Parliament not to enact any new firearm registration fees, costs or any further restrictions on the ownership, sale, use, transportation or storage of firearms.

I have already placed the concerns of my constituents on record today at second reading debate.

The Deputy Speaker: Unfortunately the time to present petitions has expired.