

RIGHT TO LIFE OF UNBORN—PROTECTION OF CHARTER OF
RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, I have great pleasure in presenting a petition, together with the required certificate signed by the Clerk of Petitions. It is sponsored by the Calgary Coalition for Life and is submitted by the Mill Woods Evangelical Free Church. The petition is signed by 39 persons, most of whom live in Calgary, Edmonton, Morinville and Villeneuve in the Province of Alberta.

They now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance in the certain assurance that this honourable House will provide a remedy.

The petitioners humbly sheweth that because thousands of unborn babies in Canada are killed for reasons of convenience, for the crime of being unwanted, wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that Parliament support Motion M-37 to allow unborn babies to be protected by the Charter of Rights. In duty-bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

[Translation]

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Mr. David Berger (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present three petitions. Your petitioners state that the monopoly granted to innovative pharmaceutical companies will prevent competition from generic and thus less expensive drugs.

They state that the proposed changes in the Patent Act will have a direct impact on all Canadians not covered by government or private health insurance plans, and that the Government's proposals will increase the already high cost of provincial health insurance plans.

Your petitioners call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

These petitions are signed by residents of Manitoba, New Brunswick, Quebec, the Burlington area in Ontario, Etobicoke in the Toronto area, Midland, Ontario, and also Fredericton in New Brunswick, and Châteauguay and Lachine in the Montreal area.

I think you will agree that all parts of the country are affected, since people from so many different areas are objecting to this disastrous legislation.

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IMMIGRATION ACT, 1976

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Employment and Immigration) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-55, an Act

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to amend the Immigration Act, 1976 and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the 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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[English]

PRIVILEGE

ALLEGED DIVULGING OF *IN CAMERA* COMMITTEE
INFORMATION

Mr. Speaker: Several days ago the Hon. Member for Selkirk—Interlake (Mr. Holtmann) introduced a question of privilege and, under the circumstances, because the Hon. Member for Kenora—Rainy River (Mr. Parry) who was also involved was unable to be here at that time, the matter was adjourned.

It is now appropriate to bring it back to the House. The Hon. Member for Selkirk—Interlake.

Mr. Felix Holtmann (Selkirk-Interlake): Mr. Speaker, I rise again today to conclude statements which I made on April 28 regarding what I consider to be a question of privilege. As recorded at page 5329 of *Hansard*, I brought before the House a good deal of what I believe represented my case of privilege. I am not going to go over the entire statement. However, I would like to refer to Erskine May's nineteenth edition at page 146, Chapter 10, "Breaches of Privileges and Contempts", as follows:

The publication or disclosure of proceedings of committees conducted with closed doors or of draft reports of committees before they have been reported to the House will, however, constitute a breach of privilege or a contempt.

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Immediately after the presentation to this House of the third report of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development by the Hon. Member for Welland (Mr. Pietz), on April 28, I brought the actions of the Hon. Member for Kenora—Rainy River (Mr. Parry), to the attention of the House. The Hon. Member came to the House on March 25 and made a statement which is found at page 4540 of *Hansard*. I would like to go into his statement because I think it is very important and relative to this subject.

The Hon. Member for Kenora—Rainy River who, after concluding a previous day's meeting, which I attended, said to the House:

—when Canadians elect representatives to speak for their concerns in Ottawa, they do so in the hope that, when appropriate, all parties will work toward constructive ends.