

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Boyer: Mr. Speaker, I have a brief word of explanation to Members of the House. In front of the Parliament Buildings is a centennial flame which was first lighted by Prime Minister Pearson at the beginning of our Centennial Year. Since that time many visitors to the Parliament Buildings throw coins into that fountain. I learned some months ago that the money gathered there is going into the Consolidated Revenue Fund. I have found it to be in excess of \$1,000 a year.

The purpose of this Bill is to establish a centennial flame research award or fellowship that would be used each year under the direction of the Speaker and the House, and awarded to a Canadian with disabilities to do research on the contribution to the Parliament of Canada and the public life of Canada of Canadians with disabilities.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-203, an Act to provide interim measures respecting abortion and to amend the Criminal Code.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Crosby: Mr. Speaker, the Bill I have presented to the House is entitled "Abortion Law Interim Measures Act". The purpose is twofold: First, to enact a law restricting abortion to the extent permitted by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and, second, to require a constitutional conference to consider a Charter amendment to protect the unborn.

Following the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada invalidating Canada's abortion law, Parliament could not reach a consensus on legislative action. Nonetheless, it is clear that most Canadians support a law restricting abortion. This Bill responds to that concern by proposing an interim measure on abortion.

Petitions

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-204, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (hate propaganda—age group).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of the Bill I am offering to the House today would be to provide the application of the Criminal Code to hate propaganda that advocates or promotes physical destruction of persons of an identifiable age group. The object of the Bill is to stop the importation into Canada of a product known as Garbage Pail Kids.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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PETITIONS

DESIGNATION OF ROUGE RIVER VALLEY

Mrs. Pauline Browes (Scarborough Centre): Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to present this petition today in the Thirty-fourth Parliament pursuant to Standing Order 36. The petition has been certified by the Clerk of Petitions. It relates to saving the Rouge Valley in Scarborough. It states that the Rouge Valley in Scarborough is a unique and precious natural area, that protecting the endangered wildlife and wilderness areas is in the national interest.

This property of the Rouge Valley is owned by the provincial government. Recently the federal Government committed \$10 million for the preservation of this valley. The mayor of Scarborough, the federal Minister of the Environment, the Save the Rouge Valley System and the Coalition of Scarborough Community Associations have expressed support for this, as well as petitioners from Scarborough, Ajax, Markham, Etobicoke, Nobleton and Richmond Hill. They call upon Parliament to work with the Government of Ontario to establish the Rouge River Valley as a Canadian heritage land or a provincial park.