

*Routine Proceedings*

They also ask that the Criminal Code be amended to prohibit for life all those convicted of sexual offences against children from holding responsible positions of trust and or great responsibility regarding children.

I ask the House to take seriously a petition from 65,000 citizens from British Columbia.

## INCOME TAX

**Mr. Paul Szabo (Mississauga South, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I wish to present a petition that has been circulating all across Canada. The petition has been signed by a number of Canadians in Calgary, Alberta.

The petitioners would like to draw to the attention of the House that managing the family home and caring for preschool children is an honourable profession which has not been recognized for its value to our society. They also state that the Income Tax Act discriminates against families that make the choice to provide care in the home to preschool children, the disabled, the chronically ill or the aged.

The petitioners therefore pray and call on Parliament to pursue initiatives to eliminate tax discrimination against families that decide to provide care in the home for preschool children, the disabled, the chronically ill or the aged.

## CRIMINAL CODE

**Mr. Jim Abbott (Kootenay East, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, considering the very unfortunate events that have taken place on the lower mainland relative to the murder of a young lady and other events relating to that, it is very timely that I received in my office today a petition to return the rights to the citizens from criminals.

• (1515)

Some of the points refer to keeping dangerous sex offenders and pedophiles locked up for life, eliminating statutory release and imposing stiffer sentences for violent offenders.

## NATIONAL DEFENCE

**Ms. Roseanne Skoke (Central Nova, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I have a petition to present on behalf of my constituents.

It has been traditional that the Government of Canada divide the national defence related furniture moving business among local independent movers on an equitable basis, which policy has provided excellent service at reasonable rates.

The petitioners pray and call upon Parliament to resolve to veto any proposed change to the present tendering process of the Department of National Defence and to support the present system of tendering.

## MERCHANT NAVY

**Ms. Margaret Bridgman (Surrey North, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to present a petition on behalf of Surrey North constituents and other Canadians. There are about 400 signatures.

The constituents draw attention to the record of the merchant navy in World War II as the fourth arm of the armed forces and call upon the government for benefits similar to those enjoyed by veterans.

It is also my hope that the government will follow through on its commitment to recognize veteran merchant seamen who were put in harm's way due to the war.

## FORESTS

**Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I have two sets of petitions to present. The first group of petitioners, some 63 of them, is saying that the cutting of old growth forests diminishes the national diversity of our environment, our country, our culture and our people.

The petitioners request that Parliament order an immediate moratorium on the cutting of old growth forest reserves to promote the policy internationally.

## JOB EXPERIENCE

**Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, the second petition is from 94 petitioners who say that job experience is a vital part of an individual's education and that we need to positively influence all aspects of business potential.

Therefore the petitioners request that Parliament increase the co-operative aspect between productive business enterprises and education systems.

## HIGH RISK OFFENDERS

**Mr. Charlie Penson (Peace River, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, I have before me a petition that has been signed by 424 people.

These people are very concerned that high risk offenders upon their release from prison are more and more frequently committing crimes that result in serious personal injury.

The petitioners believe that there would be fewer such incidents if Parliament would enact legislation permitting the use of post-sentence detention orders. Specifically the petitioners request that Parliament pass Bill C-240 dealing with high risk offenders.

## YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

**Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I have three petitions to present, two of which concern the Young Offenders Act.

The first one was motivated by the sad death of Vivi Leimonis or Georgina Leimonis. The petitioners request that Parliament recognize and address the concerns stated in the petition and