

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, June 2, 1987

The House met at 11 a.m.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### WAYS AND MEANS

#### TABLING OF NOTICE OF MOTION

**Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Finance)):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 84(1), I have the honour to lay upon the table copies of a ways and means motion to amend the Income Tax Act. Pursuant to Standing Order 84(2), I ask that an Order of the Day be designated for the consideration of the said motion.

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### PETITIONS

#### REQUEST FOR INQUIRY INTO USE OF CHEMICAL PESTICIDES

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, it is an honour and privilege to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 106 from petitioners of Edmonton, Alberta; Denman Island, British Columbia; Pitt Meadows, British Columbia; Lillooet, British Columbia; Salmon Arm, British Columbia; Sooke, British Columbia; and Vancouver, British Columbia.

They are concerned that the increasing number of chemicals used as herbicides and insecticides are being proven to have deleterious effects on human health and believe that these chemicals also produce short and long-term harmful effects on non-target organisms in soil and water. They indicate that these same chemicals in past years have been registered and approved as safe for their various uses.

They call upon the House of Commons to initiate a full public inquiry into the safety, testing, registration, regulation and use of pesticides and the examination of alternative ways of controlling pests such as biological control and plant derived pesticides.

#### MEECH LAKE ACCORD—PUBLIC INPUT

**Hon. Donald J. Johnston (Saint-Henri—Westmount):** Mr. Speaker, it is an honour for me to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 106(4). This petition is presented on behalf of residents of Ontario and Quebec. It concerns the subject of the Meech Lake Accord.

These citizens believe in a strong Canada where all Canadians are treated equally, fairly, and enjoy the same rights and protections regardless of the province in which they live. They believe that the provisions of the Meech Lake Accord threaten our freedoms under the Charter of Rights and place in jeopardy future national programs which may benefit Canadians from coast to coast.

They call upon Parliament to present to the people of Canada the true implications of the Meech Lake Accord and provide all Canadians with a formal opportunity to respond to the constitutional changes proposed by the Meech Lake Accord.

[Translation]

#### CANADA POST—OPPOSITION TO CORPORATE PLAN

**Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou):** Mr. Speaker, I also have the privilege of presenting several petitions signed by hundreds of residents of the province of New Brunswick who call upon the House to turn down Canada Post's new corporate plan that creates two classes of citizens by installing superboxes on a permanent basis in rural as well as urban areas, and by closing rural post offices and thus depriving Canadians of the sole federal presence and reducing vital postal services in rural communities.

Thus your petitioners humbly pray that Parliament reject Canada Post's plan and urge the Corporation to deliver the mail to all Canadian taxpayers, without exception.

#### REQUEST TO INCLUDE A NEIGHBOURHOOD OF MONTREAL IN NEW ELECTORAL DISTRICT

**Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of presenting a petition signed by 200 residents of a section of the City of Montreal, located in the existing federal ridings of Saint-Jacques and Laurier and bounded to the north by Mount Royal, to the east by Saint-Laurent, to the south by Sherbrooke and to the west by Park. The petitions refer to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission, and state that although they agree with the principle of the change proposed by the Commission, in the past there has been no interaction between the undersigned residents and the residents of the proposed federal riding of Saint-Henri—Westmount.