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I am confident that we will get these changes into being by the first part of January and that we will see them working. It will not be easy. Change is difficult and we have just made some changes and I hear nothing but complaints about the way these changes are affecting people's lives. That does not mean the changes are wrong. It just means that politicians, by their very nature, resist change. That seems to be the case even with the changes to the House of Commons. However, may I say that I am looking forward to helping to implement these changes and to making sure we get the best possible results from what I consider to be an absolutely excellent series of recommendations made by a committee which worked diligently on behalf of all of us.

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PETITIONS

USE OF EVIDENCE FROM SOVIET UNION BY DESCHÊNES COMMISSION

Mr. Jim Edwards (Edmonton South): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by residents of Edmonton, Alberta, protesting the use of evidence from the Soviet Union by the Deschênes Commission of Inquiry on War Criminals. The petitioners call upon the Canadian Parliament to oppose the use of any such evidence.

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Mr. Speaker: Is the Hon. Member for Scarborough West (Mr. Stackhouse) rising on a point of order?

Mr. Stackhouse: No, Mr. Speaker, I was hoping that on an occasion when a report about the role of the private Member was introduced, there might be an opportunity for a private Member to make a comment.

● (1530)

Mr. Speaker: I appreciate the Hon. Member's sentiments, but under the rules adopted to help the private Member that is no longer possible.

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCES

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions to present today. The first is from a group of residents of my riding, particularly the Hastings-Sunrise area. They call for reindexation of the family allowance. Its deindexation, combined with tax increases and budget hand-outs, has placed an extraordinary burden on families, especially on women, single parents and poor families. They call on the House of Commons to reinstate the full indexation of family allowances and rescind unfair tax increases.

The second petition is very interesting because many of the signatures are in Chinese characters. It is from residents of the Strathcona area and downtown east side of Vancouver, and

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they call upon the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances and rescind unfair tax increases.

Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, in the middle of National Family Week it is my honour to present a petition from constituents in the City of Thunder Bay who protest deindexation of family allowances and other changes in our family support system. They protest the hand-outs which the Government has proposed and which represent a burden on families. They call upon the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances and rescind unfair tax increases.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition signed by Canadians right across this land who would like to add their voice to those calling upon the Government to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances and rescind the unfair tax increases in the Budget.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following question will be answered today: No. 412.

[Text]

TOURIST PUBLICATIONS

Question No. 412—**Mr. Robichaud:**

1. In 1984, how many United States tourist publications were sold in Canada and what income accrued to the government from the 10 per cent tax?
2. (a) In 1984, how many Canadian tourist publications were sold or given away (i) in Canada (ii) abroad (b) what income accrued to the government from the 10 per cent tax?

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of National Revenue and Regional Industrial Expansion as follows:

1 and 2. There is no mechanism to record the number of United States tourist publications sold in Canada or of Canadian tourist publications sold or distributed in Canada or abroad.

Revenue Canada advises that its own records do not differentiate between tourism literature and other forms of printed matter. Therefore, the information pertaining to the income from the 10 per cent tax on tourist publications is not available.

[Translation]

Mr. Hnatyshyn: I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.