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Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition to the honourable the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, on behalf of residents of Sunset Lodge and others of the city of Calgary, in the province of Alberta, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that the Senate will therefore provide a remedy, praying that the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, respect his commitment of the 1984 election campaign to maintain full indexation of old age pensions.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition to the honourable the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, on behalf of residents of the city of Red Deer in the province of Alberta, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that the Senate will therefore provide a remedy, praying that the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, respect his commitment of the 1984 election campaign to maintain full indexation of old age pensions.

Hon. Efstathios William Barootes: Will the honourable senator permit a question?

Senator Hastings: Certainly.

Senator Barootes: Would the honourable senator confirm and comment on reports that at two meetings of old age pensioners, held in the city of Calgary—to which he has just referred—on Saturday last, there was considerable uproar when one or two old age pensioners rose to protest the partial de-indexing of pensions and were asked by the large majority—the huge majority—present to sit down and to please be quiet?

Senator Hastings: Honourable senators, I cannot confirm what happens at Tory meetings, because I do not usually attend them.

Senator Flynn: But you can comment on Liberal meetings.

Senator Hastings: But I can comment on the meetings held at Calgary Centre and Calgary West, when 50 per cent of the people took on their members of Parliament and criticized them bitterly for supporting the de-indexation of old age pensions—50 per cent of the people who attended those meetings.

It is true that some of them urged their member of Parliament to hang tough on the proposal. I can tell the honourable

senator that I hope they will hang tough, because they will all hang together!

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Senator Barootes: Would the honourable senator—

Senator Flynn: You just want to gain political advantage.

Senator Hastings: I just want honesty. Keep your promise!

Senator Flynn: You're a hypocrite. I'll get even with you in due course.

Senator Frith: Senator Walker wants you not to be a sorehead, Senator Flynn.

Senator Walker: I support whatever Senator Flynn does.

CANADA'S RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES OF MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

REPORT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TABLED

Hon. George C. van Roggen, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, tabled the following report:

Wednesday, June 26, 1985

The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs has the honour to present its

SECOND REPORT

Your Committee, which was authorized by the Senate on Tuesday, December 18, 1984, to continue its examination and report on Canadian relations with Countries of the Middle East and North Africa, has, in obedience to its Order of Reference, proceeded with the study and now tables the report.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. VAN ROGGEN
Chairman

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE—DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Senator van Roggen: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I move that this report be taken into consideration now.

If the motion is agreed to, I will make some brief remarks now and will save more specific comments for a later date.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I rise on a point of order. If my honourable friend speaks now on consideration of the report, he will use up his