

*Order Paper Questions**[Translation]*

The signatories of this petition are very concerned about the change that the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mrs. McDougall) has made to the qualifying period for unemployment insurance.

[English]

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to bring justice to the situation by keeping in place a 10 week qualifying period for the rural areas of southeast New Brunswick.

DESIGNATION OF ROUGE RIVER VALLEY

Mrs. Pauline Browes (Scarborough Centre): Mr. Speaker, the petition that I wish to present today is headed: "Help Save the Rouge". I table it pursuant to Standing Order 106. It has been certified by the Clerk.

The petitioners state that the Rouge Valley in Scarborough is a unique and precious natural area and that protecting the endangered wildlife and wilderness areas in this particular valley is in the national interest. The petitioners join with the Scarborough City Council, indeed, with the federal Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan), the Save the Rouge Valley System, the Coalition of Scarborough Community Associations and also, Mr. Speaker, you, who have given your support to this very worthy cause.

They ask the Government of Canada and the provincial Government to work together to save this very beautiful area as a park.

ACTIONS OF ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, I have with me 350 petitions from Canadians who have a Romanian background in which they have pride and in which they have fond memories. They have written to the House with respect to what is taking place in their more than 13,000 villages in Romania which have been destroyed. They have asked the Government to bring to the attention of the Romanian Government their concern in this regard.

The Romanian Government is presently engaging in certain acts which violate basic human and minority rights that are destroying more than half of the 13,000 villages in Romania to build agri-industrial centres, resulting in the loss of a cultural and historical heritage which will deprive not only Romania but also future generations of priceless heritage by annihilating magnificent examples of Roman, Gothic and Reform periods of architecture.

Whereas that same Government has decreed that all geographic designations be changed from the Hungarian and Saxon languages to Romanian thereby seriously violating minority rights; and whereas the Romanian Government's current harassment through interrogation and house searches of the clergy will result in the destruction of both Protestant

and Catholic religions, these Canadians of Romanian origin have asked that the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) bring this concern of the Canadian people to the attention of the Romanian Government.

RESEARCH INTO PREVENTION AND CURE OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I have the responsibility and the honour to present two sets of petitions. The first set of petitions declares that schizophrenia is a major illness in Canada, affecting about 1 per cent of the population, causing severe mental anguish and suffering to the patients and their relatives and costing Canadian society more than \$3 billion annually in direct health care and other support costs.

The petitioners go on to point out that there is low funding for research in schizophrenia. They therefore call upon Parliament to ensure that research efforts related to schizophrenia will be commensurate in the future with the seriousness of this illness in Canada. The petitioners are from Sudbury, Ontario.

CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, the last group of petitions I have is from residents in Vancouver, British Columbia, Val Caron, Hanmer, Sudbury, Blezard Valley and Capreol, Ontario.

The petitioners point out that the Conservative Government had no mandate from the Canadian people to conclude a free trade agreement with the United States. Whereas the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) promised in the course of the bilateral trade negotiations that Canadian sovereignty would not be compromised; and that in fact the trade agreement negotiated between the Mulroney Government and the Reagan Government threatens the very fabric of Canadian political life, the petitioners therefore call upon Parliament to dissolve now and allow the people of Canada to make the decision with respect to whether or not they want to enter this Mulroney-Reagan trade agreement.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 385, 392, 393, and 408.

[Text]

COST OF CARE OF QUADRIPLAGIC PATIENT

Question No. 385—**Mr. Brisco:**

To the knowledge of the Government, what is the average annual cost for (a) institutional care (b) prescription drugs for a quadriplegic patient?