

Petitions

Bill C-70, and Tuesday will be the fourth and final day for consideration of Bill C-84, the income tax Bill.

The House Leaders will be meeting after Question Period to discuss other items of legislation. I hope then to have an opportunity to discuss the business for the rest of the week at that time. However, we have already had some discussions and there may be a consensus with respect to the Bills with which we will deal. However, I will confirm that today.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

STRIKING COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION OF SEVENTEENTH REPORT

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table the seventeenth report of the Striking Committee in both official languages.

[Editor's Note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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PETITIONS

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND REPEAL OF TAX INCREASES

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and duty to present a petition from residents of my own constituency who state that the deindexation of the universal family allowance is an unfair attack on women and families, and further state that this attack will not be offset by changes to the child tax credit and that other tax increases in the May Budget will place an unfair burden on low and middle-income earners.

While I have the floor, I have a similar petition to present from residents of the Province of Nova Scotia who also state that the deindexation of the universal family allowance is an unfair attack on women and families. They also state that this attack will not be offset by changes to the child tax credit and that other tax increases in the May Budget will place an unfair burden on low and middle-income earners.

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I also have a number of petitions to present protesting Bill C-70 and the partial deindexation of family allowance. The first two petitions are from my riding of Vancouver East where many, many people have protested that this measure will create considerable hardship for families. They call on the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of the universal family allowance.

The next petition is from the interior of British Columbia including Kelowna, Peachland and Penticton, all areas repre-

sented by Conservative Members, unfortunately. These petitioners are calling for the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of family allowances.

Moving along eastward to Nova Scotia, there have been a great many petitions from that province recently. This particular one I am presenting is signed by residents of Dartmouth, Sackville and Halifax who also say that the family allowance Bill is very unfair to families and will create considerable hardship and there should be full indexation of the universal family allowance.

I also have a petition to present from a group called Women Against the Federal Budget, and most of these women live in Burnaby, British Columbia. They are stating that children are everyone's responsibility and they strongly oppose the budget proposals to reduce the cost-of-living protection of family allowance and demand that this proposal be withdrawn as soon as possible.

[Translation]

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition signed by people who are asking me to present in this House a request that the Government of Canada reinstate full indexation of the family allowances and the child tax credit. The petition comes from Sault Ste. Marie. I have another one from the constituency of Saint-Hyacinthe.

[English]

I have a petition here from Toronto asking that the Government restore full indexation to family allowances.

[Translation]

A petition from the constituency of Ottawa-Vanier, another one from the constituency of Ottawa-Carleton, another one from the constituency of Gaspé with several signatures, another one from the constituency of Gaspé again, asking the Government to reinstate full indexation of pensions and the child tax credit.

[English]

I have a petition from Kamloops-Shuswap and one from Macdiarmid, Ontario.

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, I do not have a petition from Kamloops-Shuswap but I do have one from Vancouver containing 34 signatures. The petition is asking the Government to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowance and asking the Government to rescind a number of unfair tax increases in the last Budget.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present petitions signed by over 100 people from Winnipeg, most of whom are parents who have children in day care centres. They say that in the opinion of the petitioners, the deindexation of universal family allowance is a massive cut-back in the public commitment to child benefits, is an unfair attack on women and families with children and especially single-parent mothers, and they therefore humbly pray and call upon the House of Commons to reinstate full indexa-