

Petitions

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): They want to go to a sympathetic Member.

Ms. Mitchell: That's right. They know where to go and—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Ms. Mitchell: I must say that there have been a great number of petitions from that riding.

Mr. Speaker: I would ask the Hon. Member to do her petitions without comment.

Ms. Mitchell: Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from the Province of Quebec which is also opposing the Government policy to reduce the indexation of family allowance and asking for full indexation. Another petition is from Fort Erie and surrounding communities in Ontario and the petitioners are asking for the same thing.

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I have two other petitions on different subjects. The first one is from people in British Columbia who live in the Delta-Surrey area and they are asking that the House act to remedy the crisis which has to do with the youth unemployment in the Province of British Columbia which is at excessive levels and mention the fact that the provincial Government's five-year forestry program is inadequately funded and under-spent and the petitioners respectfully submit that the House remedy these two crises by initiating labour-intensive reforestation and silviculture projects.

USE OF NANOOSE BAY TEST RANGE

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, my next petition is on a different subject and comes from many people in the Vancouver area and I see that there is representation from Guelph, Ontario, as well and from Victoria and it asks that the House of Commons not renew the agreement between Canada and the U.S. authorizing the joint maintenance of the test range at Nanoose Bay and bring to an end all weapons testing at the said test range and undertake to convert the said test range to peaceful purposes.

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND REPEAL OF TAX INCREASES

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions from my constituents in that great riding of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and some from other parts of Canada. These petitioners protest vehemently the deindexing of universal family allowance and feel that this move is very unfair to women in particular and that it is also particularly unfair to young families and single-parent mothers. They pray that the House of Commons reinstate the full indexation of universal family allowance and rescind this unfair form of tax increase. The first petition is from the

Pembroke-Petawawa, Ontario, area. The second petition is signed by people from the communities of Cobden, Forester's Falls and Renfrew and the Opeongo Road. The third petition is signed by people from Pembroke, Eganville and other places in the Valley. Fourth, I have a petition here signed by several citizens from Scarborough West. I have another petition here from people who live in the constituency of York North. I also have a petition signed—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. May I invite the Hon. Member to conclude very briefly, please?

Mr. Hopkins: This petition is signed by many people from the Toronto area including those from Scarborough, Etobicoke, Rexdale and Mississauga. Next I have one from—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I must invite the Hon. Member to table the remainder of his petitions. That has exactly the same effect.

[*Translation*]

WITHDRAWAL OF BILL C-70 REQUESTED

Mr. David Berger (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, I also have here a number of petitions from citizens who ask the Prime Minister to immediately withdraw Bill C-70 which is aimed at deindexing family allowances.

The undersigned believe that the whole of our society must share the responsibility for children and that the principle of universality must be maintained.

The first petition, Mr. Speaker, comes from residents and citizens of the federal constituency of Berthier-Maskinongé-Lanaudière.

The second petition, Mr. Speaker, comes from the federal riding of Verdun-Saint-Paul, which has been represented here by our former colleague, Mr. Savard, who was recently elected Mayor of Verdun.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think the Hon. Member could conclude by presenting his petitions briefly without comment.

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[*Translation*]

Mr. Berger: Mr. Speaker, the third petition comes from the federal riding of Sherbrooke.

The fourth petition comes from the riding of Chambly, Quebec, and they have the same objective as the previous ones.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from residents of the federal riding of Rosemont, which as we know is represented by the Minister of State for Transport (Mrs. Blais-Grenier). I also have a petition, Mr. Speaker, from the federal riding of Longueuil, on the south shore from Montreal. There is also a petition from the federal riding of Restigouche, New Brunswick.