

Routine Proceedings

[Translation]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, I present you a petition from many of my constituents today. They humbly ask that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation provide balanced programming, combining information, education and entertainment programs for a varied audience, as well as offering the best foreign programming. They want most CBC programming to be Canadian in content, to feature Canadian actors, both in French and in English, to meet the specific needs of the regions and to help Canadians share information and ideas.

They humbly ask Parliament to adopt measures to provide the CBC with the resources needed to strengthen it so that it can be a fundamental instrument of Canada's cultural sovereignty by offering all Canadians a first-class service.

[English]

TAXATION

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I have three petitions to present. The first one relates to the immunity from taxation that aboriginal people have in this country by virtue of their aboriginal treaty rights.

The petitioners call on Parliament to fulfil its responsibilities to First Nations in Canada by taking immediate steps to rectify the deficiencies of the GST policy guidelines in order that those guidelines will respect the tax immunity of First Nations both on and off reserves and including those who do not as yet have reserves.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): The second petition relates to the Unemployment Insurance Act. The petitioners call on government to recognize that it had promised a freeze on UIC premium rates for three years.

Since 1989 unemployment insurance fund premiums have increased by more than 50 per cent.

The petitioners call on the government to immediately freeze unemployment insurance premium rates for both employers and employees and that there be no further cuts to unemployment insurance benefits.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Mr. Speaker, finally, a series of petitioners from all across the country, recognizing that the government has cut back on the allocations to the aboriginal post-secondary education program, call on the government to maintain the funding for that program and rectify any deficiency in the budget allocations to ensure that all eligible applications for Indian and Inuit post-secondary education are fully funded.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk)

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, Question No. 273 will be answered today.

[Text]

Question No. 273—**Mr. Hughes:**

For the period February 5, 1992 to March 23, 1992, what has been the (a) total cost (b) cost per question (c) cost for this question, to the government for answering Order Paper Questions?

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): (a) & (b) Questions answered during the period of February 5, 1992 to March 23, 1992:

Question No.	Approximate Cost	Question No.	Approximate Cost
4	\$ 79	182	\$ 278
49	134	187	337
50	127	192	296
51	130	193	4,605
100	70	194	412
102	4,100	195	471
103	87	196	254
110	5,385	198	744
113	1,775	199	108
123	3,890	202	65