

[English]

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I too have the honour to present in the House a petition in which citizens of The Pas, Manitoba, humbly beseech the House of Commons to remove this odious and disgusting proposal put forward by the Conservative Government which represents an unfair attack on Canadians—

Some Hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Hon. Member will know that a number of Hon. Members engaged in a very helpful debate yesterday with respect to the whole question of presenting petitions. While there were differences of opinion, I believe those who took part in the debate would agree that the words used by the Hon. Member to introduce the petition are quite unnecessary.

Mr. Skelly: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if, on behalf of the petitioners, I might continue.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member may certainly continue. I just hope that the Hon. Member would continue in a different way.

Mr. Skelly: Mr. Speaker, I certainly appreciate your guidance on this matter and would conform to your recommendations. In this serious matter, there is an expression of concern by the residents of The Pas, Manitoba, that this provision proposed by the Government will indeed cause them great financial harm and they urge the Government to withdraw the proposal entirely.

[Translation]

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty this afternoon to present a petition duly certified pursuant to Standing Order 106 and urging this Parliament to turn down the Government's proposed amendments to the Patent Act. Your petitioners claim that the changes advocated by the Government will cause the prices of over the counter and prescription drugs, to go up, and they humbly call upon Parliament to reject such measures.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, the attached petition is certified correct as to form and content. This is signed by the Clerk of Petitions.

This petition opposes amendments to the Patent Act of Canada, and the Saskatchewan residents who have signed it state that such amendments will cause problems for the poor and the sick and that this is why they ask Parliament not to grant passage to this Bill.

[English]

At this time, I wish to move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy):

That the House do now proceed to Orders of the Day.

Petitions

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour of the motion please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Nystrom) which was negatived on the following division:

• (1220)

(Division No. 16)

YEAS

Members

Axworthy	Hopkins	Nystrom
Benjamin	Jewett	Orlikow
Berger	Kaplan	Parry
Boudria	Keeper	Prud'homme
Broadbent	Manly	Robichaud
Gagliano	Marchi	Robinson
Gauthier	Mitchell	Skelly
Gray	Murphy	Young — 28
(Windsor West)	Nicholson	
Grondin	(Trinity)	
Heap	Nunziata	

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Members

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Attewell	Edwards	McCrossan
Beatty	Ellis	McCuish
Belsher	Epp	McDermid
Blais	(Provencher)	McDougall
Blouin	Fennell	(St. Paul's)
Bosley	Fontaine	McKenzie
Bouchard	Fraleigh	Nicholson
Bourgault	Gérin	(Niagara Falls)
Bradley	Gormley	Nickerson
Brightwell	Gottselig	Nowlan
Cadieux	Gray	Oberle
Champagne	(Bonaventure—Îles-de-	Pennock
(Saint-Hyacinthe—	la-Madeleine)	Plourde
Bagot)	Gurbin	Ravis
Champagne	Gustafson	Reid
(Champlain)	Hawkes	Reimer
Cossitt	Kempling	Scott
Darling	Kilgour	(Hamilton—Wentworth)
Daubney	Lewis	Sparrow
Della Noce	MacKay	Taylor
Desjardins	Mailly	Thacker
Dick	Martin	Towers