

broken its promise by reducing the family allowance through deindexation, and they request this Parliament to ensure that the Government will restore full indexation of the family allowance and also cancel its plans for other taxes that hurt low-income people.

PARITY PRICES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex-Windsor): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to present a petition signed by more than 1,000 people. They stress, first, the urgency of the farm crisis, the great financial squeeze affecting many farmers, and they argue for hearings across this country on the principle of parity pricing through the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

This is signed by people from right across Essex county, as well as from the following towns and communities across Ontario: Simcoe, Lucknow, Wingham, Mount Hope, Durham, Goderich, Kincardine, Chatham, Brantford, Forest, New Liskeard, Thedford, Cayuga, Chesley, Port Elgin, Arkona, Blenheim, parts of Middlesex County, Ailsa Craig, Petrolia, Warton and Owen Sound. They all stress the urgency of this crisis which requires a response.

EFFECTS OF U.S. LEGISLATION ON FOREST INDUSTRY

Mr. John Parry (Kenora-Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege to present a petition signed by a large proportion of the residents of Hudson and Sioux Lookout, Ontario, in my riding. These communities are heavily dependent upon the forest industry. They call upon the Government to get going and take some action to dissuade the United States Congress from passing into law the Gibbon's natural resources subsidy Bill which would indeed cost thousands of jobs in Canada's great forest industry.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. F. Oberle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Mines)): Mr. Speaker, the following question will be answered today: No. 421.

[Text]

INCREASE OF ADMISSION FEES

Question No. 421—**Mr. Robichaud:**

1. Did the government increase admission fees to national parks by 300 per cent and, if so (a) what tourist groups or associations were consulted before the decision was announced (b) by what amount?

2. How many persons visited national parks in New Brunswick in (i) 1983 (ii) 1984?

3. Will the government change its decision to the increased fees and, if not, for what reason?

Supply

Hon. Tom McMillan (Minister of the Environment): 1. No. The annual admission fee for national parks has not been increased. However, in most national parks the other types of admission fees such as daily and chartered bus have been increased by 200 per cent. (a) N/A; (b) N/A.

2. (i) 1,214,687; (ii) 1,220,958.

3. A complete review of all national parks fees across Canada to assess their impact and suitability given the particular circumstances of each park is presently underway.

[English]

Mr. Oberle: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The question enumerated by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary has been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker, I have had a series of questions on the Order Paper, some dating back as far as last March, concerning the cost of that singing duet in Quebec City referred to as the Shamrock Summit. Is the Government so terribly ashamed of that fiasco that it does not wish to answer these questions? If that is not the case, will the Parliamentary Secretary undertake to answer those questions at the next sitting day of the House of Commons?

Mr. Oberle: Mr. Speaker, I can tell the Hon. Member that the Parliamentary Secretary normally responsible for answering these questions is especially sensitive to those profound questions the Hon. Member places on the Order Paper. I am prepared to read out the record of the Government in this area, but I am reluctant to do so because today is an Opposition Day and I understand that the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) has an urgent farm speech to make. I would not wish to take up the time of the House to report that in this Thirty-second Parliament—I can go on if you wish, but I can tell the Hon. Member that his intervention will be brought to the attention of the responsible Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 63—PLIGHT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition) moved:

That this House regrets that the Government has refused to recognize the serious crisis facing the farm family in Canada and condemns the Government