

wan who petition this Government to take another look at the deindexing of old age pensions and to change them back to the way they were before.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF 1891 CENSUS

Mr. Allan Pietz (Welland): Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege to present a petition on behalf of 58 residents of the Niagara region and elsewhere, most of them members of the Niagara branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society. They ask the House to release copies of the 1891 census for Canada and make it available to the public for research purposes.

CHANGES TO OLD AGE SECURITY ACT

Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of constituents who are protesting the deindexation of Canadian pensions. They are asking that the Progressive Conservative Government live up to its campaign promise to maintain pensions at their current levels.

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petition from citizens in Vancouver East and in many of the surrounding areas, namely, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Maple Ridge, Surrey, Kelowna and New Westminster. These citizens, of all ages, are asking that the Government change its policy regarding pensions and that it reindex pensions so that senior citizens will not suffer in the oncoming years.

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from a number of senior citizens in my riding who call upon the Government to live up to its promise to index fully senior citizens' pensions.

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition on behalf of a number of residents of Salmon Arm, British Columbia, protesting that the annual cut to each and every OAS pensioner in Canada will be \$680 in 1991.

I also have the pleasure to present a petition on behalf of a number of residents from the community of Kamloops, British Columbia, who point out that the May 23 Budget imposes undue and unfair hardship on pensioners by deindexing the Old Age Security and call upon Parliament to reinstate full indexation for the Old Age Security Program of Canada.

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor-Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition in the form of 11 pages of signatures of senior citizens who protest the Government's intent to deindex Old Age Security. They demand that the Government listen not only to senior citizens but to the Chamber of Commerce and other interested groups and abandon its intent to deindex Old Age Security.

Canada's International Relations

NORTHERN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY LIMITED DISPOSAL AUTHORIZATION ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-53, an Act to authorize the disposal of the Northern Transportation Company Limited and the forgiveness of its debt to Her Majesty, and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

COMPOSITION AND ORDER OF REFERENCE OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, there have been consultations between the Parties with respect to the terms of reference for a Special Joint Committee of Parliament on Canada's International Relations. I think that if you were to ask the House, there would be unanimous consent for me to bring this motion forward on the following terms. It is a bit lengthy but I think it is important enough that I should read it into the record. It reads as follows:

That a Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons be appointed to consider Canada's International Relations;

That the document entitled "Competitiveness and Security: Directions for Canada's International Relations", tabled on May 14, 1985 (Sessional Paper No. 331-4/10), be referred to the Committee;

That the Committee consider and report upon the issues discussed in the above-mentioned document and make recommendations in their report concerning the objectives and conduct of Canada's international relations;

That the following 12 Members of the House of Commons to act on behalf of the House as members of the said committee be: Messrs. Axworthy, Chrétien, Crofton, Mrs. Duplessis, Messrs. Harvey, Hockin, Jardine, Miss Jewett, Messrs. Kempling, Langdon, Porter and Stackhouse;

That the Committee have the power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House;

That the Committee have the power to report from time to time, to send for persons, papers and records, and to print such papers and evidence from time to time as may be ordered by the Committee;

That the Committee have the power to retain the services of expert, professional, technical and clerical staff;

That the Committee have the power to adjourn from place to place inside Canada and that, when deemed necessary, the required staff accompany the Committee;

That a quorum of the Committee be seven members, whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is taken, so long as both Houses are represented and that the Joint Chairmen be authorized to hold meetings, to receive evidence and authorize the printing thereof, whenever 4 members are present, so long as both Houses are represented;