

Routine Proceedings

[Translation]

WORKERS' RIGHT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Mr. Guy H. Arseneault (Restigouche—Chaleur): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour today to submit some petitions that were signed by residents from the province of Quebec. These petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject the imposition of wage controls and re-affirm support for free collective bargaining for Canadian workers.

[English]

CANADA POST

Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 36 to present a petition on behalf of my constituents in the city of New Westminster, British Columbia.

These petitioners state that their post office in New Westminster on Columbia Street is a vital part of their community. They say that closing this post office and replacing it with a commercial service centre for services to businesses will only establish two classes of Canadians.

This arbitrary decision was made without any consultation with the residents in New Westminster who will be affected by this decision.

Therefore, the petitioners are calling on Parliament to halt the plan to close the New Westminster post office and replace it with a commercial service centre.

The petition has been signed by hundreds of residents of the city of New Westminster.

THE ECONOMY

Mrs. Marlene Catterall (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, I too have the privilege of presenting petitions on behalf of people objecting to the fact that the government's high interest rate, high dollar policies and new taxes or tax increases—33 since September 1984—are the source of inflationary pressures and not wage demands by workers of Canada.

The petitioners are from Brampton, Ontario; Woodbridge, Weston, Ontario; Etobicoke, Ontario; Toronto, Mississauga and Sydney Mines, Glace Bay and from Thompson, Winnipeg and numerous other smaller communities throughout Manitoba.

On the petitioners' behalf, I present this petition asking Parliament to reject the imposition of wage controls and reaffirm support for free collective bargaining for Canadian workers.

Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise to present three petitions from Canadians in and around the metropolitan Toronto area.

These electors recite the decision of the government to impose wage controls on the federal civil service. There is significant damage perpetrated by the government's policy and the collective bargaining process for our Public Service.

The petitioners call upon Parliament to reject the imposition of wage controls and reaffirm support for free collective bargaining for all Canadian workers.

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Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to submit today, pursuant to Standing Order 36, a petition which states that the Conservative government's high interest rate and high dollar policies and 33 new tax increases since September, 1984, are the source of inflationary pressures.

Of course, the petition says that wage control in the public sector has indeed a negative impact on all Canadian workers' wages, that no flexibility is possible when you restrict everybody's salaries without distinction, that the federal Conservative government is willing to deprive workers throughout Canada of their right to collective bargaining, to threaten them with lay-offs, especially because of contracting out, to interfere with the conciliation and arbitration process and to legislate employees back to work.

Therefore, the undersigned, your petitioners humbly call upon Parliament to reject the imposition of wage controls and to reaffirm its support for the free exercise by all Canadian workers of their right to collective bargaining.

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[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. John E. Cole (York—Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.