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### FARM IMPROVEMENT LOANS ACT

BILL TO AMEND—FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-56, to amend the Farm Improvement Loans Act.

Bill read first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: When shall this bill be read the second time?

On motion of Senator Doody, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 44(1)(f), bill placed on Orders of the Day for second reading later this day.

### OLD AGE SECURITY

DE-INDEXATION OF PENSIONS—PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Hon. Eymard G. Corbin: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition to the honourable the Senate of Canada, here assembled, on behalf of 201 residents of the federal riding of Madawaska-Victoria, in New Brunswick, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that the Senate will therefore provide a remedy, and who humbly ask that the Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Brian Mulroney, respect his commitment of the 1984 election campaign to maintain full indexation of old age pensions.

Senator Haidasz: Well put.

Hon. Earl A. Hastings: Honourable senators, before presenting my petition, I trust that you will allow me to join with my colleagues in welcoming the honourable Senator Simard from New Brunswick. The fact that I am speaking in your mother tongue probably shows that I am very happy that you are here with us. I may speak in Alberta French, but I am very happy that you are here and I hope that, as a member of the Senate of Canada, you will be free to serve your province and your country.

Some Hon. Senators: Very good.

[English]

Senator Hastings: Honourable senators, I have a series of nine petitions from 2,000 citizens of the province of Alberta. If it is agreed, I will read the first petition, with the rest appearing in *Hansard* as though they had been read.

Senator Frith: No, rub it in; read them all.

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Senator Hastings: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition to the honourable the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, on behalf of residents of Calgary, Airdrie, Water Valley, Delacour and Balzac, in the province of Alberta, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that the Senate will therefore provide a remedy, praying that the Prime Minister of

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Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, respect his commitment of the 1984 election campaign to maintain full indexation of old age pensions.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition to the honourable the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, on behalf of residents of Calgary, in the province of Alberta, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that the Senate will therefore provide a remedy, praying that the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, respect his commitment of the 1984 election campaign to maintain full indexation of old age pensions.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition to the honourable the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, on behalf of residents of Red Deer in the province of Alberta, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that the Senate will therefore provide a remedy, praying that the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, respect his commitment of the 1984 election campaign to maintain full indexation of old age pensions.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition to the honourable the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, on behalf of residents of Edmonton, Winterburn, Camrose, Duffield, Wabamun, Evansburg, Athabasca, Two Hills, Valleyview, Spruce Grove, Calgary, in the province of Alberta, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that the Senate will therefore provide a remedy, praying that the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, respect his commitment of the 1984 election campaign to maintain full indexation of old age pensions.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition to the honourable the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, on behalf of residents of Edmonton, Sherwood Park, Stony Plain, in the province of Alberta, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that the Senate will therefore provide a remedy, praying that the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, respect his commitment of the 1984 election campaign to maintain full indexation of old age pensions.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition to the honourable the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, on behalf of residents of Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Beaumont, St. Albert, Ardrossan, in the province of Alberta, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that the Senate will therefore provide a remedy, praying that the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, respect his commitment of the 1984 election campaign to maintain full indexation of old age pensions.