

by this proposal of the Government will be the poor, the unemployed and women.

**Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege and honour to present a petition signed by many hundreds of residents of Toronto who protest the proposal of the Government to reduce the purchasing power of the old age pension cheque by 3 per cent. They call upon this House and this Government to restore full indexation of the old age pension.

**Mr. John Parry (Kenora-Rainy River):** Mr. Speaker, thanks to the tireless efforts of my constituency officer, Mr. Nick Wihnan, and many volunteers, I have the honour to present petitions with 834 signatures from my riding, including Fort Frances, Devlin, Emo, Shevlin and Stratton. These Canadians request a remedy to the government's plans to deindex pensions which will impose hardships on pensioners, and call for the full reinstatement of indexing of the Old Age Security program.

**Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions here from hundreds of Manitobans who consider the deindexation of pensions, whether partial or otherwise, to be unfair. They call upon the Government to implement its promise to fully index pensions and to restore the cuts which will cost each and every pensioner \$100 during 1986 and \$680 by the year 1991.

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition with respect to pensions. It is signed by a number of Canadians, some of whom live in Surrey, which is represented by a Conservative who does not speak up on this issue for the pensioners. The petition states that the May 23 Budget imposes undue and unfair hardship on pensioners—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Could the Hon. Member summarize.

**Mr. Waddell:** —by deindexing the Old Age Security program. I would like to file this petition.

**Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, added to over 2,000 names which have come in already from Vancouver East, I am honoured to again present petitions today from a number of people from the lower mainland of British Columbia, including petitioners from Vancouver East, Coquitlam, New Westminster, Burnaby and from many surrounding communities. These petitioners ask that the Conservative Government reconsider and reindex old age pensions so that people will not suffer. They ask that the Conservative Government carry out the promise it made to the people of Canada.

### Order Paper Questions

#### NATIONAL ANTHEM ACT

##### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-243, an Act to amend the National Anthem Act.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the said Bill?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Crosby:** Mr. Speaker, this Bill simply amends the National Anthem Act in a minor but significant way. At present our national anthem "O Canada" contains a reference to "all our sons" in relation to patriotism. This masculine designation denies the equality of the sexes and is not consistent with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. This amendment changes the reference from "all our sons" to "all of us", and does away with this improper designation.

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

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[Translation]

#### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, question No. 295 will be answered today.

[Text]

#### CANADA POST BOOK INFORMATION

Question No. 295—**Mrs. Sparrow:**

How many copies of the book *Information* did Canada Post Corporation print and (a) to whom was this book distributed (b) what was the total cost?

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Revenue):** The Canada Post Corporation informs me as follows:

Canada Post printed 700 copies of the book *Information*.

(a) The book was distributed to Members of Parliament and Senators at their House of Commons offices. It was also distributed to the Members of Parliament constituency offices.

(b) The total cost of printing the book was \$4,106.14.

[Translation]

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

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The questions as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.