

Government Orders

They call upon Parliament to encourage the government and the United Nations to do something about the situation, even to the extent of imposing sanctions upon the Dominican Republic because of its treatment of these workers as they cross these borders.

BILL C-91

Mr. Jack Whittaker (Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and duty to rise to present a petition that is truly a national petition, from Vancouver Island through to Newfoundland and from every province in the Confederation.

These people are concerned about the present bill before the House of Commons, Bill C-91, which seeks to end the licensing of further no-name generic drugs in Canada.

This petitions is signed by all age groups in Canada as well, from seniors to young people who are concerned with the increased cost of drugs as a result of this particular bill. They are asking the government to not proceed with the bill and to repeal Bill C-22 so that in fact we can continue in Canada with our low-cost drugs for all age groups for all regions of the country.

Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition on behalf of my constituents in Coquitlam, B.C., Port Moody, Port Coquitlam and Belcarra.

It is on the drug legislation, Bill C-91. The petitioners say that Bill C-91 will allow brand name drug companies to market their drugs without competition from generic drugs for periods of up to 20 years. They point out that generics are no-name drugs which are cheaper than brand name drugs.

They are objecting to the government extending this period in which the brand name drugs will have a monopoly and which will mean higher drug costs for my constituents. Both myself and my constituents are dead set against that.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Peter L. McCreath (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Finance and Privatization)): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Shall all questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

PATENT ACT

ALLOCATION OF TIME TO CONSIDER SECOND READING OF BILL C-91

Hon. Paul Dick (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, I move, pursuant to Standing Order 78(3):

That, in relation to Bill C-91, an act to amend the Patent Act, to amend another act in consequence thereof and to provide for other related matters, not more than one further sitting day shall be allotted to the consideration of the second reading stage of the bill; and that, fifteen minutes before the expiry of the time provided for Government Orders on the allotted day to the second reading stage consideration of the said bill, any proceedings before the House shall be interrupted, if required, for the purpose of this Order and, in turn, every question necessary in order to dispose of the stage of the bill then under consideration shall be put forthwith and successively without further debate or amendment.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion, which was agreed to on the following division: