

Senate of Canada, 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 the petition of 37 senior citizens residing at Forest Grove Care Centre, 4726-8th Avenue S.E., Calgary, in the province of Alberta, availing themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to petition the Senate of Canada, 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 submit the petition of 129 citizens of Red Deer, Lousana, Innisfail, Penhold, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Lacombe, in the province of Alberta, availing themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to petition the Senate of Canada, 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 the petition of 138 senior citizens of the city of Calgary, in the province of Alberta, availing themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to petition the Senate of Canada, protesting the de-indexing of the old age security payments and praying for the withdrawal thereof.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present the petition of 185 citizens residing in the city of Calgary, in the province of Alberta, availing themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to petition the Senate of Canada, 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 the petition of 155 citizens of the city of Calgary, in the province of Alberta, availing themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to petition the Senate of Canada, 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 the petition of 161 citizens of Red Deer, Lacombe, Innisfail, Bashaw, New Norway, Alix, Castor, Benalto, Bowden, Shaugnessy, Rocky Mountain House and Eckville, in the province of Alberta, availing themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to petition the Senate of Canada, 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 the petition of 33 senior citizens, residents of Twilight Lodge, in the city of Red Deer, and residents of Penhold, in the province of Alberta, availing themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to petition the Senate of Canada, 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 the petition of 20 senior citizens residing at Central Park Lodge, in the city of Edmonton, in the province of Alberta, availing themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to petition the Senate of Canada, 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 the petition of 41 senior citizens residing at Meadowlark Lodge and Garneau Hall, in the city of Edmonton, in the province of Alberta, availing themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to petition the Senate of Canada, praying that the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, respect his commitment of the 1984 election campaign to maintain the full indexation of old age pensions.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Ian Sinclair: Would the honourable senator permit a question? Perhaps he could inform this chamber of the average age of the people in Calgary who have petitioned the Senate.

QUESTION PERIOD

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THE BUDGET

DE-INDEXATION OF PENSIONS—REQUEST FOR REPLY TO PETITIONS

Hon. H. A. Olson: Honourable senators, I would ask the Acting Leader of the Government in the Senate if he would respect the ancient and undoubted right of the senior citizens of Calgary and area to have a reply to the petitions that have just been presented and that, when that reply is prepared and ready, he will bring it to this chamber.

Hon. C. William Doody (Acting Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I will certainly look into that matter. I am not familiar with the procedure in this particular house as it relates to petitions. I know that the system in my own legislature was a time-honoured and respected one, and we were hammered on a daily basis by the opposition in that chamber. I can see no reason why the same thing should not happen here, and if it is part of the procedure in this chamber, I shall certainly see to it that the appropriate reply is returned to the chamber.

Senator Olson: Honourable senators, I have a supplementary. I would advise the Acting Leader of the Government that it is a question of following the matter up and making sure that there is a reply, in order that all of these petitions do not just simply disappear into the system. That is the commitment I was really asking of the Acting Leader of the Government.