

Introduction of Bills

● (1110)

PROPOSED INCREASE IN POSTAGE RATES

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition signed by 32 members of the Oxford Philatelic Society who humbly pray and call upon Parliament not to allow the proposed increase in postage rates to be implemented. In so doing they draw to our attention the fact that since 1979, when the first class letter rate was 17 cents, there have been multiple increases accompanied by promises of improved service and in their opinion that service has not improved.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition to the House to the effect that the Government's Patent Act relating to prescription drugs will cause an increase in drug prices for Canadian consumers and will very severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs. In particular, the petitioners point out that it will unfairly hurt those Canadians whose health needs require the purchase of prescription drugs on an ongoing basis. The petitioners who come from many parts of Ontario such as Campbellford, Trenton, Brighton, and Warkworth call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106 I have the honour to present a petition, which has been certified correct as to form and content. It is a petition in which many Canadians join with constituents of mine whose petitions I have already presented from Transcona, East Elmwood, East Kildonan, North Kildonan, East St. Paul and the Town of Birds Hill in protesting the federal Government's proposals to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs which will increase drug prices for Canadian consumers and severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106 I have the honour to present a petition, which has been certified correct by the Clerk of Petitions. In the petition the petitioners indicate that they are opposed to the Government's attempt to change the Patent Act. They believe that the changes to the Patent Act will result in prescription drugs increasing in price, which will severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary drugs. They humbly call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which will, of course, increase the cost of drugs to many Canadians.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 106, which has been certified as being correct. It comes from a group of citizens in Winnipeg who say that the federal

Government's proposal to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs will increase drug prices for Canadian consumers and severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs. Therefore, they humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

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NATIONAL PARKS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Tom McMillan (Minister of the Environment) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-30, an Act to amend the National Parks Act and to amend An Act to amend the National Parks Act.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

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FARM IMPROVEMENT LOANS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. John Wise (Minister of Agriculture) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-31, an Act to amend the Farm Improvement Loans Act.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 44 and 45.