

Petitions

upon Parliament to reject proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

NEGOTIATIONS URGED WITH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
JAPANESE CANADIANS

Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from residents of Atlantic Canada who state that the National Association of Japanese Canadians is the only elected national organization of Japanese Canadians. It is comprised of representatives from 15 centres across Canada. The petition points out that the National Association of Japanese Canadians has held public meetings on redress for the forcible dispossession and relocation of Japanese Canadians suffered during World War II and that the NAJC is the only organization which has used a national questionnaire to obtain grassroots advice in developing a position on a proper redress for the dispossession and relocation during the Second World War. Since this organization has full support, not only of Japanese Canadians but of members of many national ethnic and service organizations, they call upon Parliament to urge the Government to enter into negotiations immediately with the National Association of Japanese Canadians.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGE TO PATENT ACT

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition which has been certified as correct in its form under Standing Order 106 as signified by the signature of the Clerk of Petitions. This petition comes from my constituents in the City of Windsor who are availing themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to express a grievance with the assurance that this House will provide a remedy. They protest the Government's intention to enact a Bill which would result in an increase in drug prices. I am sure you, Mr. Speaker, would understand that that would cause an increase and financial strain for many Canadians, those particularly—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. With the scientific training of the Hon. Member, could I ask him to be more concise.

Mr. Keeper: He means faster.

Mr. McCurdy: Mr. Speaker, I will try to be more concise. This petition cites the increased costs likely to result to federal, provincial and private drug plans. With the typical insight which characterizes the people of Windsor, they identify this prospective legislation with concessions by the Government in order to facilitate the free trade talks with the United States. Mr. Speaker, they demand the Bill's withdrawal.

Mr. Holtmann: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. From hearing the Member present his petition it is quite obvious that he is trying to stall for as much time as possible—

Mr. Blackburn (Brant): That's not a point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It was my understanding that the Member had completed presenting his petition.

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition on behalf of a number of Canadians from Nova Scotia and western Canada. The petitioners are attempting to bring to the Government's attention the fact that its proposed changes to the Patent Act as it relates to prescription drugs will increase drug prices significantly. The petitioners are asking the Government to reconsider. In light of this, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Vancouver Kingsway (Mr. Waddell):

That the House do now proceed to Orders of the Day.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Riis) which was negated on the following decision:

● (1700)

(Division No. 30)

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