

Petitions

Mr. Rossi: Mr. Speaker, I want to present petitions from the federal constituency of Richelieu, the federal constituency of Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot, in Quebec, the federal constituency of Quebec East, the federal constituency of Portneuf, the federal constituency of Skeena, the federal constituency of Victoria, in British Columbia, the federal constituency of Comox-Powell River, the federal constituency of Prince George-Peace River, and also a petition from the good people of the constituency of Champlain, in Quebec.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please! May I ask the Hon. Member to conclude as briefly as possible?

Mr. Rossi: I have two more, Mr. Speaker.

From the federal constituency of Berthier-Maskinongé-Lanaudière, from a federal constituency in the City of Toronto and from the riding of my colleague for Ottawa-Vanier.

The undersigned pray that the Government of Canada will reinstate full indexing of family allowances and the child tax credit.

Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, I consider it an honour and my duty to present a few petitions signed by women who ask the Government of Canada to reinstate full indexing of family allowances and of the child tax credit.

Those women live in the following constituencies: Berthier-Maskinongé-Lanaudière, Brome-Missisquoi, Abitibi, Charlesbourg, Richelieu, Shefford, Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot, Champlain, Mégantic-Compton-Stanstead; Saint-Boniface, Manitoba; Trois-Rivières, Quebec; Vancouver Quadra; Saint-Maurice, Québec; Restigouche, New Brunswick; Mississauga-South, Ontario.

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[English]

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE

Hon. Douglas C. Frith (Sudbury): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling in the House today a petition signed by the residents of Dauphin, Manitoba, and the residents of the riding of Provencher, the riding represented by the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Epp). The petitioners indicate to the Government of Canada that they wish the Government to withdraw its plans to deindex the family allowances and they humbly pray and call upon Parliament to do that.

In addition, I table a petition on behalf of the constituents of the riding of Restigouche in the great Province of New Brunswick and from Campbellton indicating that the people of that riding have the same concerns about the plans of the Government to deindex the family allowances. In addition, I rise on behalf of my own constituents from the riding of Sudbury who also indicate to the Government their total displeasure with the Government's intentions with respect to family allowances.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): Very well represented.

Mr. Frith: I would say that as well.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member can conclude more briefly than this if he tries hard.

Mr. Frith: As well, I have petitions signed by the residents of Simcoe County and Renfrew Country. In addition, I want to indicate that I have a further petition from the residents of the great riding of London North who indicate their displeasure on the same matters of which I have spoken previously. As well, I have one last petition from the great Province of British Columbia which my Leader has the privilege to represent, including Surrey, British Columbia and Delta, British Columbia, and they also indicate their displeasure at the intent of the Government.

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND REPEAL OF TAX INCREASES

Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have two sets of petitions. The first petition is from residents of my riding who live in Foam Lake, Kelvington, Elfros, Bankend, Hendon and Humboldt who note that the accelerating cut-backs in child benefits which will reach \$600 million annually by 1990 on top of sales tax increases, excise tax increases and stiff income tax increases are unfair and place an extraordinary burden on middle and low-income households so they call on the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances and to rescind the unfair tax increases.

USE OF NANOOSE BAY TEST RANGE

Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a second set of petitions from the Hamilton area including residents of Cambridge, Waterdown, Dundas and Ancaster, Ontario, who note that the Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental Test Range at NanOOSE Bay contributes to the nuclear arms race and that the said station could cause environmental damage so they call on Canada not to renew its agreement with the United States, to bring to an end all weapons testing at the range and to undertake to convert the range to peaceful purposes.

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Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions from people of my riding of Vancouver East and the Lower Mainland around Vancouver asking that the Government rescind Bill C-70 and fully reindex the universal family allowances and also rescind unfair tax increases.

I have another very interesting petition which is one of many which come from the riding of Surrey-White Rock-North Delta. I was very interested to see that the Hon. Member had only two signatures when we have had hundreds from his riding protesting the family allowance deindexation.