

precedents I am now prepared to rule. Standing Order 36(1) reads as follows:

Unless otherwise provided in these Standing Orders, when the Speaker is in the Chair, no Member, except the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, or a Minister moving a government order and the Member speaking in reply immediately after such Minister, shall speak for more than twenty minutes at a time in any debate.

In situations where a Minister moves the motion for third reading and speaks first it is quite clear that the Opposition Member replying immediately after the Minister would be entitled to unlimited time. It would appear logical to me to carry this practice further and say that in those instances where the Minister's Parliamentary Secretary makes the first speech on behalf of the Government, he or she should have unlimited time and the Opposition Member replying immediately thereafter should also be entitled to unlimited time. This is the interpretation of the rule that the Chair intends to follow henceforth.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### PETITIONS

#### FUTURE OF CN MONCTON SHOPS

**Mr. Dennis H. Cochrane (Moncton):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour today to present a number of petitions from the southeastern part of the Province of New Brunswick in which the signatories are expressing their concern with regard to the future of the CN shops in Moncton. They are concerned that the current assessment being conducted by CN with regard to their maintenance capacity may have negative implications for the thousand or so workers working at the CN shops in Moncton. They call this matter to the attention of Parliament and ask us to stop in any way any effort to downgrade the shop in Moncton.

#### EFFECT OF FREE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell):** Mr. Speaker, I have 138 petitions signed by 1944 electors of the riding of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell asking the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Mulroney) to give his immediate personal assurance that no agricultural programs will be sacrificed in the free trade negotiations between Canada and the United States of America.

#### INQUIRY INTO USE OF NANOOSE BAY TEST RANGE

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I have a number of copies of two petitions relating to the Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental and Test Range at Nanoose Bay, British Columbia, pointing out that the use of

this range causes environmental damage, contributes to the nuclear arms race and is of doubtful economic value. One petition calls for all weapons testing at the said test range to be brought to an end, and the second calls for a full public inquiry before the present agreement is renegotiated.

#### FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND REPEAL OF TAX INCREASES

**Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, I have petitions from the residents of Spadina who are still protesting and objecting to the deindexation of family allowances and they ask the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances and to rescind the unfair tax increases.

#### LOBSTER FARMING OPERATION AT ARICHAT, NOVA SCOTIA

**Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions from the residents in Cape Breton who are opposed to a farming operation of lobsters, which was started with money given to Mr. John Risley of Clearwater. These petitions are from residents in Main-A-Dieu, residents of Isle Madame and Gabarus, and Fourchu, residents of Glace Bay, Cape Breton, residents of Bras d'Or Lakes, residents of Buysborough, residents of Auld's Cove, residents of L'archoise and Richmond County, residents of Port Morien in Cape Breton. All these residents are opposed to a lobster farming operation in Cape Breton, but I want to underline, Mr. Speaker, that they are not opposed to economic development taking place in these areas.

[Translation]

#### POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF CN MONCTON SHOPS

**Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland-Kent):** Mr. Speaker, today it is again my duty to table a petition from people in the Moncton area, expressing their concern about the CN shops in Moncton. There are persistent rumours that the guarantees given by the Minister last summer no longer are guarantees as such.

Mr. Speaker, people are concerned more than ever before.

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## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I ask, Mr. Speaker, that all questions be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall all questions stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.