

*Petitions*

**Ms. Copps:** Seek the unanimous consent of the House. It is his eleventh grandchild.

**Mr. Speaker:** Did I understand that the Hon. Member for Spadina was trying to seek unanimous consent to wish his grandchild well? Consider it done.

[*Translation*]

## CONCERN FOR FUTURE OF CN MONCTON SHOPS

**Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland-Kent):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the action taken by Moncton residents who are very concerned about the current situation at the Moncton CN shops. The petitioners decry the inertia of the Government and request that the Minister do something to protect the jobs of the shop workers.

[*English*]

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

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to present a number of petitions which I have received on the issue of family allowances. The first one is from citizens of Toronto and ridings which include Don Mills, Willowdale and Rexdale. These petitioners point out that the deindexing of the universal family allowance and massive cut-backs in public commitment to child benefits are an attack on women and children, especially single-parent mothers. Accordingly, the petitioners call upon the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of the universal family allowance, and to rescind the unfair tax increases.

Second, Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from residents of Tillsonburg, Simcoe, and Brantford, also on the subject of family allowance. It is a similar petition so I will not go into the substance, but these petitioners also call upon the House to reinstate full indexation of the universal family allowance and to rescind the other tax increases.

[*Translation*]

Third, Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from Port Dover residents who request that family allowances be fully indexed.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions signed by a large number of residents in the area of Kingston. They call for full indexation of the family allowance and point out that the cut-backs in child benefits on top of the sales tax changes and increases constitute an extraordinary burden on middle and low income households.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present another petition from residents of Ottawa who request that family allowances be fully indexed—

[*English*]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. All the petitions are on the same subject. I take it the Member knows that she should simply indicate that she has other petitions and that should be the end of it. It should take her no more than about five seconds.

**Ms. McDonald:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. While some of these petitions are on the same subject matter, they are different petitions. The next petition is also on family allowance.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Ms. McDonald:** I am just going to say where it is from.

**Mr. Speaker:** They are all on the same subject matter. I think the Member has admitted that. Could she please be as brief as possible.

**Ms. McDonald:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. The next petition is from petitioners in the riding of Rosedale. I also have a petition on the family allowance from residents of Hamilton.

**Mr. Malone:** Thank you. Next.

**Ms. McDonald:** I am being very brief. I cannot help it if we have a lot of petitions.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Ms. McDonald:** The next one, Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Order, please! The Hon. Member knows that a petition filed with the Clerk at the table has exactly the same effect. I, therefore, suggest that she may wish to file with the table the remainder of her petitions. Order, please.

**Ms. McDonald:** Mr. Speaker, I was provoked by these people.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I, therefore, suggest that she may wish to file the rest of her petitions with the table.

I wish to inform the House that, because of the ministerial statement, today's sitting will be extended by 44 minutes. Therefore, Private Members' Hour will begin at 5.44 o'clock p.m.

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### REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

#### CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre):** Mr. Speaker, on October 17, 1985, I tabled the third report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments. Today I would like to move that that report be concurred in.