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PETITION

TO THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

The PETITION of the undersigned residents of the municipality of Rivière-Verte in the Province of New Brunswick who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefor provide a remedy,

HUMBLY SHOWETH

THAT the revisions to the Unemployment Insurance Act and regulations make distinctions among the citizens of the Province of New Brunswick according to the economic area where they reside;

THAT these arbitrarily set distinctions do not grant the same rights and privileges to all Canadian workers;

THAT this practice can only lead to an erosion of the equal entitlement of workers to unemployment insurance benefits without distinction of economic areas;

THAT the erosion of rights on a discriminatory regional basis does not promote public good and social peace;

WHEREFORE YOUR PETITIONERS HUMBLY PRAY

THAT the Government of Canada take the necessary action to find them work;

THAT the Government of Canada make the necessary amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act so that benefits will be paid after a minimum of ten (10) weeks as was the practice in the past and also that it consider paying these benefits retroactively;

THAT the economic area where they reside be classified in the same category as Restigouche County and not Carleton County as is now the case.

The petition bears the signature of Mrs. Isabelle Therrien, Mrs. Monique Sirois and Mrs. Isabelle Lizotte.

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[English]

INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

On the Order: Motions.

December 7, 1979—*Mr. Murphy*:

That the first report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, presented to the House on Friday, December 7, 1979, be concurred in.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy) has given notice of a motion which is shown on the notice paper in his name as follows:

That the first report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, presented to the House on Friday, December 7, 1979, be concurred in.

The hon. member may be aware that his motion appears to the Chair to run in conflict with the practices of the House. I do not know whether or not the hon. member is prepared to defend his motion today on procedural grounds. I would refer him, among other precedents, to page 420 of the *Votes and Proceedings* for June 18, 1973. He will find there that it is the practice of the House, which was interpreted at that time and on several other occasions, that when estimates are referred to

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the several standing committees, it is the business of those standing committees to deal with the estimates and with the estimates only, and to report back the estimates. If there are any aspects of the estimates reported back to the House that ought to be the subject of comment or vote, that takes place only on the allotted day on which all those estimates are deemed to have been reported back to the House and taken into consideration. That is the practice of the House.

In this particular case the hon. member seeks concurrence in a report on estimates from the committee to which his motion refers, a report which I believe, on the face of it, is secondary or complementary to one which had in fact dealt with the estimates. This auxiliary report, as it were, makes other recommendations. The importance or nature of the report does not matter for the moment. The fact is that in making the other recommendations the committee is clearly going beyond the scope of its order of reference, which was to deal with the estimates.

If we were to take this motion into account at this time, we would be embarking upon a course which departs from previous practice, that is, of confining argument on the approval of the estimates as they come from the standing committees to the allotted day upon which they are all taken into account.

Again I say that the hon. member for Churchill may not be prepared to defend his motion at this time. If he wants some time to take the matter under consideration, we can set aside his motion for today and reserve it until he has had an opportunity to argue the point if he wishes.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I will let the motion stand at this time.

Order stands.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Kilgour (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 99, 207, 246, 448, 473, 475, 476, 527 and 687.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

RCMP—SENIOR POSITIONS—CIVILIAN MEMBERS

Question No. 99—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Are there any civilian members of the RCMP or civilians employed by the RCMP in senior positions and, if so, what are their names, job designations and annual salaries?