

ment, through Bill C-91, seeks to end the licensing of further generic drugs in Canada. Bill C-91 has the potential of eliminating the possibility of generic drug manufacture for up to 20 years.

They point out that with the change from seven years to 10 years in Bill C-22, prices rose inordinately in comparison to the cost of inflation and the cost of manufacture and was a heavy burden on the drug plans of the provinces, of private drug plans, and of private people as well.

They ask the government not to proceed with Bill C-91 and to repeal Bill C-22.

IMMIGRATION

Mr. Jim Karpoff (Surrey North): Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege of presenting two petitions this morning.

The first one points out that family class and assisted relative immigrants have historically been an important part of Canadian immigration. It also points out that family class and assisted relatives have relatives in Canada that will assist them in finding employment, housing, and learning Canadian languages and customs, thus speeding their integration into Canadian society.

It also points out that the present proposals by this government are going to make it more difficult for family class and assisted relatives to obtain immigration to Canada. It calls upon the government to change its attitude and give first priority to family class and assisted relatives in looking at immigration.

INDIA

Mr. Jim Karpoff (Surrey North): Mr. Speaker, my second petition points out that 75 per cent of all business in the New Delhi office in India on both immigration and visitors' visas comes from the Punjab. It is very difficult for people to travel from the Punjab to New Delhi, and that the New Delhi office is grossly overworked.

It asks that a new consular office be opened in the Punjab immediately to provide both visitor visa service and immigration services for the people of the Punjab.

NORTHERN TAX ALLOWANCE

Mr. Len Taylor (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions this morning.

Routine Proceedings

I am pleased today to present petitions relating to the northern tax allowance signed by residents of Pierceland, Goodsoil, and the regional municipality of Beaver River, Saskatchewan.

The petitioners note that earlier this summer the Tax Court of Canada ruled that Revenue Canada erred in its interpretation of a section of the northern tax rules, but Revenue Canada policy does not allow all the residents of the area to benefit from that tax court ruling.

The petitioners ask that the Minister of National Revenue take note of this tax court ruling and review all cases where people in northwest Saskatchewan may be eligible for the northern tax benefit but are currently denied that benefit because of existing Revenue Canada policy.

I would like to add that I have already sent a copy of these petitions to the Minister of National Revenue.

BILL C-91

Mr. Len Taylor (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, the opposition to Bill C-91, being debated in Parliament these days, is growing.

Today I have the duty and honour to present petitions signed by hundreds of residents of northwest Saskatchewan. They ask the federal government to withdraw Bill C-91, the act of Parliament that will allow brand name prescription drug companies to market their drugs without competition from generic drugs for up to 20 years.

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By withdrawing this damaging piece of legislation, the petitioners claim that Canadians will be able to continue to enjoy the benefits of lower priced generic drugs and the provincial drug plans can better serve Canadians without charging higher fees or providing less coverage.

There are 438 signatures on these petitions and others that I will table in the days ahead will contain more than 1,200 signatures from my constituency.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Saskatoon—Humboldt): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty and honour to present a petition on behalf of a number of citizens from the province of Quebec who deplore the illegal traffic of Haitian workers in the Dominican Republic.