

Petitions

Mr. Axworthy: Mr. Speaker, it is all for the sake of information. The people of Toronto also protest this action.

Along with the people of Toronto we have their wonderful neighbours in Scarborough North. They also wish to present a petition on behalf of children and families. Just slightly to the other side of Toronto we have a petition from people in Hamilton-Wentworth.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I invite the Hon. Member to conclude as briefly as possible.

Mr. Axworthy: Hamilton-Wentworth is a very long word and I want to get it out clearly.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): Very badly represented, too.

Mr. Axworthy: There are a number of people from that area who also wish to protest. Coming back from Toronto to the west coast, we have people from the constituency of Vancouver Quadra who also wish to present a petition.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member knows he can achieve the same purpose by filing the rest of his petitions with the Table.

Mr. Axworthy: Mr. Speaker, I have one further petition, if I might, from Calgary South, Calgary North and Calgary West.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, without imposing a travelogue on you, I simply want to report the fact that the Women's Coalition for Family Allowances has completed a petition in Toronto and wishes to have it deposited in the House. The petition urges the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to abandon the deindexation of the family allowance and to restore it to its normal process.

A group of citizens from Red Deer, Alberta, have expressed the same wish. In Saskatoon East and North a group of citizens have presented a number of signatures with the same intent.

[*Translation*]

I also have the honour, Mr. Speaker, to present to the House petitions from citizens of the Moncton region and the riding of Montreal-Sainte-Marie who want the full restoration of the indexation of family allowances and the child tax credit. I have another one from the riding of Montreal-Sainte-Marie; another one from the riding of Montreal-Sainte-Marie; another one from the riding of—

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Order. May I invite the Hon. Member to be as brief as possible in his conclusion.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Caccia:—Montreal-Sainte-Marie, plus two more from the same riding.

Mrs. Lucie Pépin (Outremont): Mr. Speaker, I have several petitions from several federal ridings of Canada in protest against the deindexation of family allowances. Naturally, the first petition I am presenting comes from the beautiful riding of Outremont, and it has been signed by men and women who vehemently protest against the decision of the Government to deindex family allowances.

I have also received petitions from the ridings of Montmorency-Orléans and Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot. I have several petitions from the riding of Sherbrooke. I have many more petitions in my office, and all those people are protesting against the de-indexation of family allowances.

I received others from Lac-Saint-Jean and Beauce, in Quebec. Still against the deindexation of family allowances, petitions from men and women of Trois-Rivières, Saint-Maurice and Champlain who protest against the deindexation of family allowances. I have some from Mégantic-Compton-Stanstead, sent by the Coalition des femmes pour les allocations—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would ask the Hon. Member to please conclude quickly.

Mrs. Pépin: Quickly . . . Brome-Missisquoi, St. John, N.B., New Westminster-Coquitlam, Saskatoon West, LaSalle and Richelieu. Of course, all these people are asking the Government to reconsider its decision to deindex family allowances.

[*English*]

USE OF NANOOSE BAY TEST RANGE

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions here on different subjects. The first two deal with the Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental and Test Range at Nanoose Bay, British Columbia. It points out that it is of doubtful economic value, causes environmental damage, and contributes to the nuclear arms race and militarism in general. It calls upon Canada not to renew the agreement with the United States of America and to bring to an end all weapons testing at the said test range.

The second petition, Mr. Speaker, deals with the same subject. It calls for a full public inquiry before the present agreement is renegotiated. The signatories on both of those petitions are from Vancouver Island.

OPPOSITION TO BILL C-70

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, the third petition I have deals with Bill C-70. It points out that one in five children under 16 in Canada live in poverty, that Bill C-70 will partly deindex family allowances,