

Petitions

[English]

PETITIONS

USE OF PENSION INCOME IN CALCULATION OF UI BENEFITS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to once again present a petition on behalf of a number of residents of Kamloops, British Columbia, who are still concerned about the announcement by the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald) that laid off workers, after January 1, 1986, will have their pension benefits deducted from their unemployment insurance benefits. They call upon the Government to ensure that all retired employees keep their pension benefits and receive their unemployment insurance benefits without deduction of pension income.

RIDEAU HALL—PUBLIC'S ACCESS TO GROUNDS

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I have several petitions from residents of Canada concerned about the closure of the grounds of the Governor General's residence. The petitioners call upon Parliament to open up that decision in consultation with a group of residents who are representative of the large and growing opposition to the closure of those grounds in order that a *modus vivendi* be created that will satisfy both the Government and the public. The petitions are signed by several hundred petitioners.

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Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I have the responsibility and duty to present a petition signed by many residents of Kamloops, British Columbia. They protest changes to the Unemployment Insurance Act which see pension income treated as earned income for unemployment insurance purposes. They call upon Parliament to withdraw this iniquitous provision.

PRICE OF GASOLINE—REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL SALES TAX

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg—Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present close to 10,000 names on a petition from the Province of Manitoba. The petitioners request that the major sales tax applied to gasoline at the federal level be withdrawn and that a federal-provincial conference be called at the earliest possible moment to discuss how a major reduction in the price of gasoline can be effected at both the federal and provincial level. There are 10,000 names which represents close to 5 per cent of all the drivers in Manitoba.

DECORUM IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mr. Chuck Cook (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, you may want to sign this one yourself. I have the honour and pleasure to present a petition from a number of residents of the lower mainland of British Columbia, including the mayors of both the city and district of North Vancouver. They pray that the

House promote the resolution of conflict in Parliament by encouraging Members to listen with greater empathy and reflection to the concerns expressed by their fellow Members, and to refrain from name calling, sarcastic put-downs, judgmental terms, and other conflict increasing language.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: I would like to check that that is in order! No, the Hon. Member for Kenora—Rainy River (Mr. Parry).

CONTINUATION OF MAIL DELIVERY SERVICE TO RURAL AREAS

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty, in accordance with the ancient traditions of this honourable House, and in accordance with Standing Order 106, to present two petitions this afternoon. The first petition is signed by a majority of the residents of what is now known as Rural Route #1, Rainy River. It calls upon this House to ensure that Canada Post continues to provide service to these isolated postal customers.

The second petition is signed by a similarly weighty proportion of the residents of what is known as Rural Route #1, Pinewood, Ontario. They, too, call upon this honourable House to ensure that rural mail customers are not deprived of the fundamental right of mail service in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: There being no further petitions, by consent we will revert to tabling.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table in both official languages the Government's response to petitions Nos. 331-429 and 331-465.

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CANADA PENSION PLAN

REFERENCE OF DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, there have been consultations between the Parties and I think you will find a disposition to accept the following motion by unanimous consent and without debate. It reads as follows:

That, notwithstanding any Standing or Special Order of this House, the document entitled "Draft Amendments to the Canada Pension Plan", Sessional Paper No. 331-7/45, laid upon the Table earlier this day, be referred to the Standing Committee on National Health and Welfare.

● (1520)

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is there unanimous consent for its introduction?