

REQUEST FOR INQUIRY INTO USE OF CHEMICAL PESTICIDES

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition on behalf of residents of Kamloops, British Columbia, and residents of Nakusp, Beaton, Revelstoke and Trout Lake and the communities of Hinton, Jasper and Grande Cache in Alberta.

These petitioners are calling upon Parliament to initiate a full public inquiry into the safety, testing, registration and regulation of the use of pesticides and the examination of alternative ways of controlling pests such as biological control and plant-derived pesticides because the petitioners are of the opinion that increasing numbers of chemicals used as herbicides and insecticides are being proven to have harmful effects on human health.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by a large number of residents of my constituency of Burnaby who note the very high level of unemployment in western Canada and particularly in the Province of British Columbia and urge the Government to reject any proposed legislation designed to eliminate federal contributions to the unemployment program, to weaken that program in any way or to reduce UI benefits for unemployed Canadians.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise that Question No. 136 will be answered today.

[Text]

DOMESTICS DENIED REFUGEE STATUS

Question No. 136—**Mr. Kaplan:**

Since September 4, 1984, by month, were any domestic applicants denied refugee status in Canada and, if so, of these, how many (a) remained in Canada (b) left Canada, and on what basis?

Hon. Gerry Weiner (Minister of State (Immigration)): If the term "domestic applicants" means household domestics or people who receive permission to enter and remain in Canada as maids, nannies, handymen or butlers, there is no cross referencing between that category of person and those who claim refugee status.

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If, on the other hand it means how many people were denied refugee status after making a claim to refugee status in Canada, the following data is relevant:

1984		1985			
Sept.	102	Jan.	245	July	333
Oct.	194	Feb.	227	Aug.	349
Nov.	188	Mar.	243	Sept.	196
Dec.	213	Apr.	167	Oct.	195
		May	187	Nov.	203
		June	247	Dec.	295

1986		1987	
Jan.	303	Jan.	490
Feb.	290	Feb.	563
Mar.	188	Mar.	627
Apr.	332	Apr.	458
May	150	May	N/A
June	156		
July	104		
Aug.	195		
Sept.	180		
Oct.	257		
Nov.	297		
Dec.	535		

(a) and (b) It is not possible to report on how many of these people left or remained in Canada, because the majority were eligible for consideration under the administrative review of the backlog which was commenced on July 15, 1986; almost 85 per cent of the 25,000 persons in the process will be granted permanent residence.

Those who have been refused under the administrative review remain at various stages of the current claim process. Those who cannot substantiate a claim to refugee status will be moved as expeditiously as possible into the immigration enforcement stream.

*Determinations made by the Refugee Status Advisory Committee

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The questions as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I would ask that all the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.