

Petitions

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I have several petitions to present today. I have one from Toronto, one from Thunder Bay, one from the Brampton area, and one from Newfoundland. All of the signators to these petitions condemn the Government for having deindexed family allowances. One petition lists 28 names, one lists eight names, one lists 12 names and the last one lists three names. All of the petitioners call upon the Government and Members of Parliament to maintain full indexation of family allowances so that people in the country can get what they are entitled to.

● (1520)

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I have several petitions to present today. The first group of petitions raises with Members of the House the concern about the deindexation of the universal family allowance, in particular that deindexation will take about \$600 million away from children by the year 1990 on top of all the other increases in costs that have come with recent budget proposals. Therefore, they call upon the House to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowance and to rescind the unfair tax increase. These petitioners are from all over British Columbia.

My second petition is from Women Against the Federal Budget. It is distributed by the National Action Committee on the Status of Women and signed in large number by women throughout British Columbia. They are concerned that children are everyone's responsibility and that all parents should receive Government assistance. In fact, they call for higher than present family allowances rather than the reduction proposed by deindexation in order to protect all children in Canadian society.

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, as we are nearing Christmas season it is almost our last chance to present a petition on behalf of those residents who do not want to see the heart cut out of our family allowance benefits. This petition comes from a number of residents of the great Province of Quebec, calling upon the federal Government to renege on this anti-Christmas notion of cutting back on the increases of family allowance. Don't let the Grinch steal Christmas. Bring back full indexation.

Some Hon. Members: Order.

[*Translation*]

Mr. John Nunziata (York South-Weston): Mr. Speaker, today I wish to present a petition on behalf of residents of the federal riding of Montreal-Sainte-Marie. There are 25 signatures, and these residents want the Government of Canada to reinstate full indexation of family allowances and the child tax credit.

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard-Anjou): Mr. Speaker, I have several petitions, including one from the federal ridings of Edmonton-Strathcona and Edmonton North; another petition is from the riding of Outremont, my hon. friend's, and another from the federal riding of St. Paul's; another petition

is from the riding of Ottawa-Carleton; another is from Scarborough West in Ontario; another is from the riding of Spadina in Ontario; another is from the riding of Halifax in Nova Scotia; another is from the riding of Moose Jaw in Saskatchewan; another is from Regina West and the last petition is from the riding of Surrey-White Rock-North Delta in British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker, all these petitions ask the Government of Canada to reinstate full indexation of family allowances and the child tax credit.

[*English*]

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present petitions from a number of citizens in the riding of Spadina, in other parts of Toronto and also in the City of Scarborough. They are all concerned with the Government's Bill to deindex family allowance partially and with other legislation to increase taxes that will bear heavily on the same people. They point out that this is an unfair tax, particularly on women and children and that by 1990 all families with children will be losing money because of the Government's program. Therefore, they petition this House to see to it that this immediate family allowance Bill is withdrawn and also that the tax increases are rescinded.

[*Translation*]

Mr. John Parry (Kenora-Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and the privilege of tabling four petitions, the first of which is signed by residents of Ottawa who humbly ask that full indexation of family allowances be reinstated.

[*English*]

RAIL PASSES FOR CP PENSIONERS

Mr. John Parry (Kenora-Rainy River): My second petition is signed by residents of Thunder Bay. It calls upon Parliament to assist pensioners and survivors of CP Rail pensioners in convincing that corporation that the proposed withdrawal of family travel passes is unfair and a breach of the company's implicit contract with those said pensioners when they were working for that company.

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND REPEAL OF TAX INCREASES

Mr. John Parry (Kenora-Rainy River): My third petition calls upon the House of Commons to reinstate the full indexation of universal family allowance and rescind unfair tax increases.

[*Translation*]

And finally, Mr. Speaker, my fourth petition, signed by residents of Hamilton and Stony Creek in Ontario, asks the House to withdraw the proposal to deindex family allowances.

[*English*]

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions to present on behalf of the citizens of