

Petitions

measures which are so hard on families, particularly on children.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I also have a number of petitions on the issue of the Government renegeing on its election promise when it decided to deindex family allowances. It is interesting that the petition, from the City of Thompson, Manitoba, was circulated by the senior citizens of that city, indicating the appreciation they had for the people of that city who helped them to protect their pensions. They wish that Canadians would do the same.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Further petitions without speeches.

Mr. Murphy: I also have a petition signed by residents of the City of Flin Flon who ask that the Government reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances and rescind unfair tax increases in the May 23 Budget.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE—PENSION INCOME DEDUCTIONS

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): On a different matter I have a petition signed by a number of workers in Manitoba who protest the Government's decision to calculate pension benefits and severance pay in determining UIC payments. It is very hard, especially for older Canadians, to get jobs and they need to keep their pensions and severance pay without being penalized.

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber-Port au Port-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I want to present a petition on behalf of a number of residents of the City of Moncton who protest the Government's partial deindexation of family allowances. They ask that these allowances be fully indexed to the cost of living. They point out that 16.2 per cent of families in New Brunswick live below the low-income cut-off line and that all low and middle-income families will be hard hit by this deindexation. As in duty-bound your petitioners will ever pray that this Government will come to its senses.

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND REPEAL OF TAX INCREASES

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty to present two series of petitions from a group of senior citizens in Prince Albert, as well as people from Dartmouth, Windsor, Halifax and Liverpool, Nova Scotia. Both petitions call upon the House to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances and rescind unfair tax increases.

The other series of petitions come from Downsview, Ontario, as well as from New Brunswick, mostly from Fredericton. They call upon the House of Commons to restore full indexation of family allowances and child tax credits. They suggest that \$55 million will be taken from family benefits by 1987.

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CALL FOR INQUIRY INTO USE OF NANOOSE BAY TEST RANGE

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition on behalf of a number of residents of British Columbia who are very troubled about the procedures regarding radiation monitoring in the waters adjacent to the Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental and Test Range at Nanoose Bay, British Columbia. They wish that the results of these radiation monitorings would be made public. They, therefore, after outlining their concern in much more detail, request the House to hold a public inquiry, before the present agreement is renegotiated, with power to investigate the above concerns about the said test range at Nanoose Bay and to make recommendations thereon. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have several petitions on the matter of family allowances. One is from residents of Calgary who argue that the proposed cuts in the family allowance unfairly bear on women and children and are particularly unfair in view of the increased tax benefits being given to the rich such as through the—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This is becoming a speech instead of a summary.

Mr. Heap: They therefore pray, Mr. Speaker, that the House rescind these laws.

I have another petition to the same effect, which I will not read, from citizens of Nova Scotia.

I have another petition which is in a different language, Mr. Speaker. It says that the undersigned ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to restore full indexation to the family allowance and child tax credit as this Budget matter will take away \$55 million from family benefits by 1987.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This is a speech. Does the Hon. Member wish to conclude with a summary of the petition as opposed to reading it?

Mr. Heap: Mr. Speaker, I was only reading the actual petition, not the "whereases". It is simply the request of the petitioners—

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member knows that what is permitted is a brief, brief summary and perhaps a short recitation of the petition actually prayed for, not the "whereases", the concerns, or the comments.

Mr. Heap: The "whereases" were not in it, Mr. Speaker, only the petition. Could I say, on a personal note that this is very important to me since I have just had my eleventh grandchild.

Mr. Speaker: With great respect, would the Hon. Member please resume his seat?