Petitions

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

Mr. Deans: I appreciate that, Mr. Speaker. I am in fact concluding.

I think the Minister knows that we share his concern. I think the points I have raised are debatable, and I am prepared to conceded that. I believe our interpretation is worth consideration and that our concern for the over-all safety of the transportation system is no less than the Minister's. We are willing to co-operate with him if, as I said earlier, he takes some steps to make sure that all aspects of the transportation system are reviewed, and that safety be the paramount consideration during that review.

PETITIONS

USE OF PENSION INCOME IN CALCULATION OF UI BENEFITS

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I have the responsibility and duty of presenting a petition signed by many constituents of Kamloops, British Columbia, who are protesting the change to the Unemployment Insurance Act which saw pension income used as earned income for unemployment insurance purposes, and they call upon the House to reverse this iniquitous provision in the Unemployment Insurance Act.

DECOMMISSIONING OF LIGHTHOUSES

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and responsibility of presenting a petition on behalf of many individuals from the coast of British Columbia who are concerned about the automation of a number of lighthouses. They point out that lighthouse services are important for search and rescue, communications and weather reporting, and that they are extremely important for both aviation and marine transportation on the coast of British Columbia.

USE OF PENSION INCOME IN CALCULATION OF UI BENEFITS

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I have a second petition that deals with the unemployment insurance problem experienced by many individuals. This particular petition is from teachers who have mentioned that early retirement has almost been eliminated as a possibility for many people because of the arbitrary changes in the unemployment insurance regulations.

I have a third petition that deals with the concerns of fishermen on the coast of British Columbia over arbitrary changes in the unemployment insurance regulations and their effects on those people in that industry.

My final petition is from members of the armed forces who are very upset with the changes in the unemployment insurance regulations and the effect on their lives as retired members who have served this country for many years.

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COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-288, an Act to amend the Combines Investigation Act (promotional coupons and savings stamps).

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to prevent a person or corporation from offering coupons in respect of a food product as a method of promoting the sale of the food product. I believe that any reduction as a result of coupons should be a direct reduction in the price of the item, rather than to create a whole generation of coupon clippers.

Mr. Nunziata: Could I withdraw my name as seconder because I am a coupon clipper?

Mr. Speaker: Only with unanimous consent of the House.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to prohibit retail sale of a food product in a food store at a price lower than the purchaser production cost incurred by the seller of the product.