

*Petitions*

I have a petition signed by 95 people from the community of Trout River in the great historic area of Bonne Bay and Gros Morne National Park which represents the crown jewel and the gem that is western Newfoundland. These 95 people living in this community at the end of the line petition the Parliament of Canada to never forget that some people live off the beaten track and away from the towers of concrete, glass and steel. They demand that the only federal service available to them, a post office, is maintained so that the quality of their lives is not seriously jeopardized by the actions of an uncaring, unthinking, insensitive Government. I know if Hon. Members think about it, they will cant this action.

**Mr. Speaker:** I warn all Hon. Members that that will be a hard act to follow. If any Hon. Members want to follow it, perhaps they could send the Speaker a map.

## SMOKING—HEALTH HAZARD

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, I appreciated the travelogue. I have the honour to present two petitions today from citizens of my riding and that of my neighbour, the Hon. Member for Thunder Bay—Nipigon (Mr. Epp). The first is a petition regarding smoking and the need to do something to eliminate the health hazard of smoking in the workplace and in the modes of transportation. The petition was prepared by my colleague, the Hon. Member for Broadview—Greenwood (Ms. McDonald), and is in support of her Private Member's Bill C-204. It is interesting to note that I know one of the people who signed the petition. She is an entertainer in Thunder Bay and wants to be able to work in a smoke-free environment while she sings and plays the organ before crowds in Thunder Bay.

## OPPOSITION TO TRANSFER OF UIC DIRECT MAIL UNIT

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, the second petition is from residents of the Thunder Bay area who are concerned about a decision by the Unemployment Insurance Commission to transfer the direct mail unit from the CEIC office in Thunder Bay to Belleville thereby necessitating very lengthy delays in the processing of UI claims and the returning of cheques to the citizens of Thunder Bay and northwestern Ontario. These petitioners call upon the Government to re-establish that very important service.

## OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

**Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from my constituents from Prince Albert, Birch Hills, Kenistino and Lac La Ronge. The petitioners feel that the passing of the Patent Act will increase the costs of drugs to Canadians and it should be stopped.

## SUPPORT FOR NON-SMOKERS' HEALTH ACT

**Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, the second petition comes from people from Dartmouth, Halifax and Dalhousie University in the Province of Nova Scotia. The petitioners are speaking up in support of the non-smokers'

health Act, Bill C-204, and would appreciate it if this Act were to be passed by Parliament.

*[Translation]*

## OPPOSITION TO CLOSURE OF POST OFFICE AND REDUCTION OF POSTAL SERVICES IN CADILLAC

**Mr. Guy St. Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and the duty to present, pursuant to Standing Order 106, a petition signed by 121 residents of Cadillac and by myself. Petitioners are strongly opposed to any cuts in staff and services to which rural areas are entitled. They object to the closing of the Cadillac post office and will not tolerate Cadillac being penalized through lesser postal services. Mr. Speaker, they ask that Parliament confirm that people in rural areas will suffer no discrimination through the quality of their postal services and that the Cadillac post office will not be closed either now or in the future.

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## OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

**Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay—Nipigon):** Mr. Speaker, I have petitions from residents of the City of Thunder Bay and surrounding areas. The petitioners are residents of the riding represented by my colleague, the Hon. Member for Thunder Bay—Atikokan (Mr. Angus), as well as the one represented by me and are from the city as well as areas outside the city like Kaministiquia, Red Rock and Nipigon. These residents show that the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Unemployment Insurance, the Forget report, proposes to eliminate regional extended benefits, taking \$1 billion in income transfers out of Quebec, \$660 million out of the Atlantic provinces and \$670 million out of the West, devastating the regions with the highest unemployment rates in Canada. They point out that the Forget proposals to annualize the UIC program would reduce benefits to the unemployed overall by 31 per cent and that the Forget recommendations would also eliminate any contribution to benefits from federal Government revenues, putting the full burden of regional disparities and employment opportunities onto the provinces and individuals in hard-pressed regions of the country. Therefore they humbly pray that the Parliament of Canada will not pass any legislation designed to eliminate federal contributions to the unemployment insurance program or reduce benefits for unemployed Canadians.

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## LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS AT ARMED FORCES BASE AT GOOSE BAY

**Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty to present a petition from a number of residents of Canada in Halifax, Gabarouse, Wolfville and Port Williams, Nova Scotia, and from Toronto. The petitioners point out that the Goose Bay low-level flight training program not only disrupts the traditional way of life of native people in that area, but is also a regressive war-fighting action which tends to endanger world peace rather than protect Canada. Therefore