

That the Canadian Government demand, as concrete and real evidence of the will of the Philippine Government to restore human rights and democratic freedoms, that the latter free the aforementioned 27 political prisoners.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

[English]

MR. SCOTT (HAMILTON-WENTWORTH)—PEACE CAMP ON  
PARLIAMENT HILL

**Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to present two separate petitions dealing with the same subject on which I tabled a petition on December 19, 1983, namely, the unsightly and soggy mess known as the peace camp which desecrates the front lawn of Parliament Hill. One petition which I am tabling today contains 105 names collected in a day and a half during the weekend by an Ottawa man, Mr. David Miner, who says his petitioners are tourists and they are upset by the indefinite presence of this eyesore.

The second petition is signed by a further 60 Canadians who maintain that the continuing presence of the peace camp in front of the most beautiful public buildings in Canada constitutes a public nuisance.

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### INCOME TAX ACT

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-220, an Act to amend the Income Tax Act (Minister's duty).

**Some Hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Hopkins:** Mr. Speaker, at present subsection 220(1) of the Income Tax Act reads as follows:

The Minister shall administer and enforce this Act and control and supervise all persons employed to carry out or enforce this Act, and the Deputy Minister of National Revenue for Taxation may exercise all the powers and perform the duties of the Minister under this Act.

This Bill will delete from this Subsection all references to the powers of the Deputy Minister.

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

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### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 149, 301, 358, 360 and 369.

### Order Paper Questions

[Text]

#### CANADA PORTS CORPORATION

**Question No. 149—Mr. Crosby:**

1. Did the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport state on April 14, 1981 at page 9289 of *Hansard* that Halterm was subsidized to the extent of \$1.8 million a year and, if so, on what basis did he make the statement?

2. Did the subsidization consist of the payment of money and, if not, what form did it take and who paid the money or provided the subsidization?

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport):** The Canada Ports Corporation advises as follows:

1. No. The Parliamentary Secretary is quoted in *Hansard* as saying "In fact, Halterm enjoys a 50 per cent rebate from the National Harbours Board on wharfage charges, a rebate which amounted to a subsidy of \$1.8 million in 1980". The agreement between the National Harbours Board and Halterm provides that the company pay rental on the facilities as well as wharfage but may retain 50 per cent of wharfage charges on containerized cargo shipped through the facilities above a certain amount.

2. No. See 1 above.

#### DECISION OF COUNTY COURT JUDGE IN CORNWALL

**Question No. 301—Mrs. Cossitt:**

1. Was the Minister of National Revenue aware of a decision by a County Court Judge in Brockville, Ontario that found Cornwall News Distributors guilty of distributing obscene literature that had been imported into Canada from other countries?

2. Did Customs officials follow the (a) guidelines and general information contained in Customs and Excise Memorandum D9-1-1 in interpreting tariff item 99201-1, concerning the entry of material into Canada, which prohibits the entry of "Books, printed paper, drawings, paintings, prints, photographs or representations of any kind of a treasonable or seditious, or of an immoral or indecent character" (b) provisions of Section 159(8) and 159(9) of the Criminal Code and previous court decisions when making decisions on publications being imported into Canada and, if not, for what reasons?

3. Will the Minister take into consideration the numerous and recent court decisions and formulate a new directive for Customs officials to follow when making their decisions as to whether or not certain publications would be classified as pornographic material and therefore would be prohibited from entry into Canada under Tariff Item 99201-1 and, if not, for what reason?

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue):** 1. Yes. The Minister of National Revenue is aware of a decision handed down by County Court Judge James Newton in Brockville, Ontario, on November 18, 1983. It should be noted that this decision was made under the obscenity provisions of the Criminal Code. The Department of National Revenue is only responsible for administering the prohibitory provisions of the Customs Tariff which, under tariff item 99201-1 in Schedule "C", specifies that "books, printed paper, drawings, paintings, prints, photographs or representations of any kind of a treasonable or seditious, or of an immoral or indecent character" are to be prohibited entry into Canada.

2. (a) In all instances of importations of this nature, which come to the attention of Customs officials, the guidelines and general information contained in Customs and Excise Memorandum D9-1-1 are followed in interpreting and administering the provisions of tariff item 99201-1. However, it should be