

urging the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Epp) who is in this House to extend the spouse's allowance benefit to all persons living alone whether single or separated.

AUDITOR GENERAL

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by the students of Laval University. This petition deals with the first part of the auditor General Act, Chapter 34: the Auditor General has the right to audit all the public accounts of the Government.

[English]

SUPPORT FOR CLOTHING FOR HANDICAPPED ORGANIZATION

Mr. Bill Tupper (Nepean-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition which was signed by some 7,000 Canadians, many of them constituents of the riding of Nepean-Carleton, encouraging Government support for On the Rise Association Inc., an organization which designs and manufactures clothing for handicapped and physically disabled persons.

CHANGES TO OLD AGE SECURITY ACT

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from the great riding of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, from the citizens of Clarence Creek, Ontario. The petition was signed by 77 people—

[Translation]

—and this petition expresses the disagreement of the population of Clarence Creek with the discriminatory provisions of Bill C-26.

Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition signed by the electors from the village of Casselman. It is signed by 61 residents of the village of Casselman who also protest against the discriminatory provisions of Bill C-26 as imposed by the government.

Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by 33 residents of the senior citizens club, Le Réveil, of Fournier, Ontario; those people also express their disagreement with the discriminatory provisions of Bill C-26.

[English]

Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition which was signed by 15 residents of Lefaivre, Ontario. They, as well, are expressing their extreme displeasure with the discriminatory provisions of Bill C-26.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by 22 residents of the village of Curran, in the federal riding of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell who, like the others, want to express their disagreement with the discriminatory provisions of Bill C-26. You have guessed it, Mr. Speaker.

Petitions

[English]

I also have a petition which was signed by 52 people from the great village of Cumberland, in the riding of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell. These people, as well, would like to express their displeasure with the discriminatory provisions of Bill C-26.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe the Hon. Member now knows the tradition and I suggest that if he has any other petitions on the same matter he may want to table them. He may, however, have other petitions which he wishes to present on different subjects.

[Translation]

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker, all the petitions come from different villages; therefore, I will present the others some other day because they are not all the same and, as I said, they are clearly indicated and come from different communities; it is not the same petition. However, if you think that no more than a certain number of petitions should be presented every day, I reserve the right to present the others another day.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member knows full well that he has the right to stand in the House and say that he has petitions from a number of counties, and simply read the names of the counties, and table the petitions. That is one way of presenting them.

PROPOSED CANCELLATION OF CBC PROGRAM

Mr. Norman Warner (Stormont-Dundas): Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege to present a petition on behalf of over 200 concerned parents, students and teachers of Rothwell/Osna-bruck School, Ingleside, Ontario. The petitioners are expressing their regret over the proposed CBC cancellation of the valuable program *Reach for the Top*, which has become an example of educational excellence for the participants, the school body and the entire community.

[Translation]

REQUEST TO AMEND BILL C-26

Mr. Alain Tardif (Richmond-Wolfe): I also have a petition which a group of residents from the riding next to mine, the federal constituency of Drummond, has presented to me to protest vigorously against the present provisions of Bill C-26. Those people too would like to see the provisions of Bill C-26 extended particularly to those people between the ages of 60 and 64 who are single, separated or divorced.

I have a second petition from the riding of Drummond, signed by some 40 people who draw my attention to the fact that it is totally unfair and definitely unjustified to exclude single, separated and divorced people between the ages of 60 and 64 from the provisions of Bill C-26, and who would like to benefit from those provisions.