

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, November 20, 1986

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

STRIKING COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION OF SIXTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the Sixth Report of the Striking Committee.

PRESENTATION OF SEVENTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the Seventh Report of the Striking Committee.

If the House gives its consent, I intend to move concurrence in this report later today.

[Editor's Note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[English]

PETITIONS

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from a number of Canadian residents who protest the proposals of the federal Government to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs.

They petition that these proposals will increase drug prices for Canadian consumers, will severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs, will unfairly hurt those Canadians whose health needs require the purchase of prescription drugs on an ongoing basis, and will result in higher costs to provincial drug plans, despite the protestations of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Andre) to the contrary.

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, I have the honour to present a petition, which has been certified correct as to form and content. Like the petitions I had the opportunity to present

once before, it has not been vetted by the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski).

It is a petition from many Canadians in my riding of Winnipeg—Birds Hill who take the opportunity to protest the Government's proposals to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs.

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from many residents of Flin Flon, Manitoba and Winnipeg, Manitoba. These petitioners are protesting the changes to the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs. They protest that these changes will severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs and that they will unfairly hurt those Canadians whose health needs require the purchase of prescription drugs on an ongoing basis. Furthermore, they will only result in higher costs not only to the provincial Government drug plans but also to individual consumers. These petitioners call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which will only create great hardship for many Canadians.

• (1110)

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by residents of towns and cities in Manitoba, including, Teulon, Sandy Hook, Balmoral and Portage La Prairie, in which they say that the proposed measure with regard to changing the prescription patent law will unfairly hurt those Canadians whose health needs require the purchase of prescription drugs on an ongoing basis. They therefore humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 106. The petition has been certified as correct as to form and content. The signatories to this petition live in such places as Kanata, Hull, Ottawa and Gloucester, Ontario. The petitioners say that the federal Government's proposals to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs will increase drug prices for Canadian consumers and will severely restrict the ability of the average Canadian to buy necessary prescription drugs. They also charge that the proposed changes are another example of Canadian Government concessions to the United States, at the expense of average Canadians, in the free trade negotiations. The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for all Canadians.