

Petitions

[Translation]

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, I have the honour, the privilege and the duty to present to this House a petition duly certified by the Clerk of Petitions.

[English]

This petition calls upon the Parliament of Canada to protect Canada's drug consumers, particularly senior citizens, from the adverse effects of changes in the Patent Act which would essentially deny access to drugs at a moderate cost that Canadians have heretofore enjoyed.

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 as being correct as to form and to content by the Clerk of Petitions. This is a petition which has not been vetted by the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski), will never be vetted by the Deputy Prime Minister, and should not have to be vetted by the Deputy Prime Minister.

It is a petition of the residents of Winnipeg calling upon the Parliament of Canada to reject the federal Government's proposals to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs, which will increase drug prices for Canadian consumers, and will severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs. This measure would unfairly hurt those Canadians whose health needs require the purchase of prescription drugs on an ongoing basis, which would result in higher costs to the provincial Government drug plans. It is another example of Canadian—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Hon. Members are making their point. They are trespassing on the rules. Would the Hon. Member please close his remarks.

Mr. Blaikie: The message is clear that Canadians reject the proposals of the Government to change the patent drug laws. We in the New Democratic Party are going to make that absolutely clear in the coming weeks and months.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and privilege to present on behalf of a number of western Canadians a petition which, pursuant to Standing Order 106, has been certified as being correct and appropriate in terms of form.

Very briefly, the petition is against the Government's proposal to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs. It will increase drug prices for Canadian consumers and will severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy the necessary prescription drugs. Therefore, I also use the opportunity to move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy):

That the House do now proceed to the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the said motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour of the motion please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Riis) which was negated on the following division:

(Division No. 14)

YEAS

Members

Allmand	Hovdebo	Ouellet
Angus	Kaplan	Parry
Axworthy	Keeper	Prud'homme
Baker	Langdon	Riis
Benjamin	Malépart	Robichaud
Blaikie	Manly	Robinson
Boudria	Marchi	Rossi
Broadbent	McCurdy	Skelly
Caccia	Mitchell	Tobin
Copps	Murphy	Waddell
de Corneille	Nicholson	Young —40
Dingwall	(Trinity)	
Garneau	Nunziata	
Gauthier	Nystrom	
Heap	Orlikow	

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Andre	Champagne	Ellis
Attewell	(Champlain)	Epp
Beatty	Charest	(Provencher)
Belsher	Clark	Fennell
Bertrand	(Brandon—Souris)	Ferland
Binns	Clinch	Fontaine
Bissonnette	Cook	Forrestall
Blais	Corbett	Fraleigh
Blais-Grenier	Cossitt	Fretz
Blouin	Côté	Gérin
Bouchard	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	Gormley
Bourgault	Côté	Gottselig
Bradley	(Langelier)	Gravel
Brightwell	Crombie	Gray
Cadieux	Darling	(Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine)
Caldwell	Daubney	Greenaway
Cardiff	Della Noce	Gustafson
Champagne	Desjardins	Halliday
(Saint-Hyacinthe—Bagot)	Desrosiers	
	Duplessis	
	Edwards	