

become law, because they do not have confidence that they will actually vote against it.

BILL C-21

Mr. Fred J. Mifflin (Bonavista—Trinity—Conception): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and privilege to rise in accordance with Standing Order 36.

I have a petition duly certified by the Clerk, and signed by 62 constituents of mine from the town of Bonavista.

The petitioners are concerned about Bill C-21. They are particularly concerned that the Government of Canada is proposing to drastically cut unemployment insurance benefits by making it more difficult to qualify by reducing the number of weeks covered.

Also, they are concerned that the government is withdrawing its contribution of, when last checked, \$2.9 billion to the unemployment insurance fund, leaving the financing to workers and employers.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject this bill.

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QUESTION ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, Question No. 317 will be answered today.

[Text]

\$500 MILLION ASSISTANCE PACKAGE—FUR COMPONENT

Question No. 317—**Mr. Althouse:**

Has the Deputy Prime Minister proposed a \$500 million assistance package that contains a fur component and, if so (a) who will be eligible for this assistance (b) what amount is to be paid (c) by what method (d) are provinces required to match funding or share funding of this program and, if so, in each case, what federal-provincial sharing arrangement will apply?

Hon. Donald Frank Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and Minister of Agriculture): The 1990 special assistance package of \$500 million is contingent upon provincial participation. Federal funds allocated from the \$500 million for other commodities total about \$50 million. The provinces have agreed to administer the assistance program and they have the flexibility to direct assistance to those producers most in need.

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While assistance for grains and oilseeds has been announced, details regarding assistance for the other commodities are yet to be finalized. Provinces are working on ways to distribute funds.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The question as enumerated by the parliamentary secretary has been answered.

Mr. Cooper: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. P-27 in the name of the hon. member for Mission—Coquitlam is acceptable to the government, except for the documents which cannot be released pursuant to the Access to Information Act. These documents are tabled immediately.

• (1710)

Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam) moved:

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all background papers produced in relation to the evaluation by the Department of Health and Welfare of the Canada Assistance Plan, published between August 1989 and May 1990.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Cooper: Would you be so kind as to call Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers, No. P-24, in the name of the hon. member for Saanich—Gulf Islands and No. P-26, in the name of the hon. member for Trinity—Spadina.

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands) moved:

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all documents and correspondence pertaining to the decision to admit Francisco Nota Moises to Canada as a convention refugee.

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina) moved:

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of operational memoranda, directives and other documents referred to by the Minister of Employment and Immigration on May 7 and 8, 1990 (p. 11048 and pp. 11134-5 of the House of Commons Debates) which