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restaurants and food packagers are not required to disclose all food contents. Members of Parliament and others have brought forward Private Members' Bills and issues on the same subject.

The petitioners therefore request Parliament to enact legislation amending food and drug regulations in order to require manufacturers to list specific food ingredients and additives used in pre-packaged foods in place of general classifications now permitted and further to require restaurants and food retailers to provide on demand to customers a list of all food ingredients and additives in prepared foods.

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[*Translation*]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I suggest that all questions be allowed to stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Shall the questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

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The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Peterson (p. 18259).

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I wish to inform the House that because of the ministerial statement, Government Orders will be extended by 15 minutes.

[*Translation*]

When the debate was interrupted at 2 p.m., the Minister of State (Finance and Privatization) had the floor.

[*English*]

The hon. member had only one minute left.

Hon. John McDermid (Minister of State (Finance and Privatization)): But, Mr. Speaker, it is going to be a wonderful minute.

In the one minute that is left to me, I want to say that before we broke for Question Period we were talking about economic recovery. The plan for economic recovery sets us on a path where growth, investment and confidence can be sustained and flourish in the years to come.

In doing this, our plan is going to contribute directly to preserving the bonds that link us as a nation. One of the best things we can do to strengthen the unity of our country is to strengthen the economic union and the fiscal condition. This will give us the resources and the regional confidence we need to resolve the other issues and aspirations that challenge us.

Canada has come a long way in 123 years. We should not be selling ourselves short. We have forged a country that is the envy of the world, a tolerant and open society with a superior standard of living.

This prosperity was put at risk by abandoning the traditional Canadian value of paying our way.

Hon. members, I believe that—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The hon. member's time is up, unless the House agrees to extend.

Some hon. members: Agreed.

An hon. member: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): There is not unanimous consent.

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): It is very difficult to take the minister seriously, considering the gravity of the motion and the way that he has dealt with it. His last remarks are particularly offensive because by suggesting that we have to pay our way, the government, by implication, has decided that Canada should improve its financial condition by fighting it on the back of 10.2 per cent of unemployed Canadians, the highest percentage in a long time.

Mr. Speaker, you will agree that that is very poor thinking displayed by the Minister of State for Finance and Privatization. He hinged his argument during his rather lengthy intervention on four arguments. The first one was on the fact that, in his opinion, we are doing much better in high technology exports.