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research into disease eradication and control. Sometimes the Government tries to justify all of these cut-backs by claiming that it will reduce the deficit. Too often, however, these cut-backs in Government programs have more to do with ideology than with common sense or good science. The Government seems intent on reducing the number of people working in a given Department, whether or not this serves to reduce the deficit, and whether or not they are involved in good work necessary for the well-being of society.

The present Government should take the brucellosis eradication program as an important lesson for the future. It is not good enough simply to turn important decisions over to the private sector. These kinds of decisions cannot be made by the private sector and this kind of result cannot be achieved by it. The Government should sit up and take notice of this great victory. Many more problems could be eradicated in the country with a similar co-ordinated approach under government management and direction. Cut-backs to research in disease control should be reviewed with the successful brucellosis control program in mind.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions from Notre-Dame-de-Grâce and various other areas of Montreal. The petitioners are asking that the Government of Canada abandon its regressive decision to deindex family allowances. This decision, if implemented, would reduce the buying power of the truly needy in Canada.

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, I too rise to present to the House a number of petitions that I have received in my office urging the Government and the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to fulfil their promise not to deindex family allowances. I have petitions from the riding of Etobicoke-Lakeshore, one from Surrey-White Rock-North Delta in the west, another from residents of the riding of Regina East, and another one from the riding of Trois-Rivières in *la belle province*. I have another petition with regard to the deindexation of family allowances from Portneuf. I have one from the riding of Charlevoix, one from Halifax, one from the riding of my Leader, Vancouver Quadra, and another one from the riding of Broadview-Greenwood in the Toronto area. The last petition, Mr. Speaker, is from the riding of Laval.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Guy Ricard (Laval): Mr. Speaker, I wish to present a petition on behalf of the Cercle des fermières de Sainte-Dorothée, which concerns family allowances.

[*English*]

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I also have some petitions on the deindexation of family allowances. The first petition is from residents of the God's Lake Indian Reserve at God's Lake Narrows. In the petition Chief David Nazzie says the following: "Native people are the first peoples of Canada and we were stripped of our dignity, our rights, our heritage, our pride—"

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think this is becoming a speech as opposed to the presentation of a petition.

Mr. Murphy: In presenting this petition the Chief asks me to indicate that the Government still wants what the people on that reserve have left.

I have another petition with regard to the Government's plan to deindex family allowances. It is from the riding of Dauphin-Swan River. The people in that riding indicate that they want the Government to rescind its decision and also to rescind the unfair tax increases which the Government is imposing on people who need the money the most.

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I also wish to present two petitions to you and to the House. One is signed by petitioners from the province of New Brunswick and the other is signed by petitioners from the Province of Alberta. All of these petitioners, as well as Canadians from coast to coast, are petitioning the Government with regard to its proposal to cut back on the full indexation of family allowances. They join with many other Canadians in protesting this move.

CONTROL OF PORNOGRAPHY

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House petitions from The Reformed Congregation of North America, The Chilliwack Central Mennonite Brethren Church, and The Emmanuel Church. All of these congregations, which are located in Chilliwack, British Columbia, urge the federal Government to strive to establish clearer obscenity legislation and to enforce stricter control of pornography.

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, I would like to present a petition from residents of eastern Ontario who ask the Government not to go ahead with its Bill to deindex family allowances partially.

Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by residents of Coquitlam, Delta, Burnaby, and Surrey, all of which places are in my area of British Columbia. The petitioners ask their Members of Parliament to present a petition, and I have the honour to do so. They call upon the Government to rescind its legislation which would partially deindex what we and they believe should be a universal family allowance.