

Indian people put in jail for defending property which is rightfully and generally accepted as being theirs.

I would point out that the petition urges the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. McKnight) to act very quickly to resolve this issue in favour of the Kwakiutl people who are the traditional and aboriginal owners of that property.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty to present a number of petitions. The first petition is from 1040 First Street East, Prince Albert, where a number of people, mostly senior citizens, have established a co-operative housing project. They call upon Parliament to reject proposals which would increase the cost of prescription drugs in Canada.

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I also have the honour to present a second petition on the same subject from a group of citizens who are mostly from Selkirk, Manitoba. They call upon the House to reject proposals which would increase the cost of drugs in Canada.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition, which has been certified pursuant to Standing Order 106, from citizens of Winnipeg. They say that the proposals of the federal Government to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs will increase drug prices for Canadian consumers and will severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs. Therefore they humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, it is also my privilege to present a petition on behalf of people from Manitoba. This is one of many consecutive days on which I have had this honour. These people express their opposition to the intention of the Government to change the Patent Act. They realize that prescription drug prices will increase, and for those Canadian consumers who have restricted ability to pay at the present time, this will be a very undue hardship. Also they recognize that those people who require a lot of drugs will have very high expenses as a result of the legislation. They are concerned that the Government is moving on the legislation strictly as a result of the free trade negotiations with the United States. The undersigned petitioners humbly call upon Parliament to reject proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please. I wish to inform the House that because of the ministerial statement, Government Orders will be extended by 34 minutes beginning at 1 p.m.

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition which, pursuant to

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Standing Order 106, has been certified by the Clerk of Petitions. The petition is from a number of people in Winnipeg and in Manitoba. It indicates that the proposals of the federal Government to change the Patent Act in respect of prescription drugs will increase drug prices for Canadian consumers. Also it indicates that the proposals will unfairly hurt those Canadians whose health needs require ongoing use of prescription drugs, and that the proposals of the federal Government will result in higher costs for provincial prescription drug programs.

As well it indicates that the changes are another example of the Conservative Government serving the interests of multinational corporations at the expense of Canadian consumers. The petitioners call upon Parliament to reject the proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present two petitions signed by residents of Regina, Saskatoon, and a number of other locations in Saskatchewan.

Starting with the one entitled "Senior Power", these people petition Parliament to reject the proposals of the Government to amend the Patent Act because they submit that it will result in higher costs for senior citizens and for provincial drug plans. They therefore humbly pray that Parliament will in fact persuade the Government to withdraw the legislation.

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW TARIFF ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE BOOKS

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions to present to the House. They have all been certified by the Clerk of Petitions. Without going into great detail, because others have described them already, they all concern the book publishing industry and the unfair and arbitrary decision the Government has imposed upon that industry. That being said, I will table several hundred names in the petitions which I have before me.

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PATENT ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

On the Order: Government Notices of Motions:

November 24, 1986—The Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council:

That, further to the notice given on Monday, November 24, 1986, by the Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council, and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 117, in relation to Bill C-22, an Act to amend the Patent Act and to provide for certain matters in relation thereto, one additional sitting day shall be allotted to the consideration of the second reading and reference to a Legislative Committee stage of the said Bill; and

That, at fifteen minutes before the expiry of the time provided for the consideration of government business on that day, any proceedings then before the House shall be interrupted, if necessary, for the purpose of this Order and, in turn, every question necessary to dispose of the said stage of the Bill then under consideration shall be put forthwith and successively, without further debate or amendment.