

The Hon. the Speaker: Let the doors be opened.

[*Translation*]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

PRESENTATION OF PETITION ON BILL C-21

Hon. Jacques Hébert: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 1,041 residents of Trois-Rivières, Grand-Mère and Shawinigan, in the province of Quebec, who object to Bill C-21, an Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act and the Employment and Immigration Department and Commission Act.

For a change, I will read the exact text of the petition.

PETITION

TO THE HONOURABLE SENATE
IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

The undersigned citizens of Canada now avail themselves of the ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance, common to your petitioners, in the certain assurance that your honourable Senate will therefore provide a remedy.

THEY HUMBLY SHEWETH THAT:

considering the difficult economic situation in a region that has been severely affected and offers a large number of seasonal jobs representing less than 20 weeks of employment annually, we ask the Minister of Employment and Immigration, Mrs. Barbara McDougall, to reinstate immediately the variable entrance requirements in effect in 1989.

We also ask the minister to withdraw temporarily Bill C-21, which provides for a reduction in the benefit period and an increase in the number of weeks required to requalify for unemployment insurance.

Therefore, we ask—as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Followed by 1,041 names which I will mercifully refrain from reading.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS ON BILL C-62

Hon. Jacques Hébert: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 20 residents of Chateauguay, Quebec, who object to the Goods and Services Tax bill.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 22 residents of Okotoks, Alberta who object to the Goods and Services Tax bill.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 20 residents of East Broughton, Quebec, who object to the Goods and Services Tax bill.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 60 residents of Wikham, Quebec, who object to the Goods and Services Tax bill.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 19 residents of Sherbrooke, Quebec, who object to the Goods and Services Tax bill.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 31 residents of L'Avenir, Quebec, who object to the Goods and Services Tax bill.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 124 residents of Brampton, Ontario, who object to the Goods and Services Tax bill.

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[*English*]

THE SENATE

INTRODUCTION OF TEMPORARY LIMITATION OF LEGISLATIVE POWER TO DELAY PASSAGE OF COMMONS BILLS ARISING FROM THE BUDGET—NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Finlay MacDonald: Honourable senators, I give notice that on Thursday next, June 28, 1990, I will call the attention of the Senate to the advisability of introducing in the Senate, for a trial period, a self-imposed limitation on the exercise of the Senate's legislative power in respect of the passage of bills arising from the Budget, received from the House of Commons, whereby, after a specified period commencing on the day a bill is given first reading in the Senate, if the Senate has not adopted a motion for its third reading, the bill will be considered to have been read a third time and passed.

BANKING, TRADE AND COMMERCE

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO MEET DURING SITTING OF THE SENATE

Hon. Sidney L. Buckwold: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(a), I move:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce have power to sit at seven o'clock in the evening today, even though the Senate may then be sitting, and that Rule 76(4) be suspended in relation thereto.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.