

Petitions

those in the community who are making an effort to produce a great deal of low-cost housing.

This is a very disappointing report. The Minister says these initiatives are going to provide housing for the people who need it. However, he has not explained how it will meet the needs of one million people, which he admitted to. He also has not explained how his programs will in any way meet the need of the people in the Atlantic provinces where 80 per cent of the economy is dependent on Government expenditures. Housing is in desperately short supply there. This is an admission of failure by the Minister.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed Bill C-59, an Act respecting Customs, with amendments, to which the concurrence of this House is desired.

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PETITIONS

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND REPEAL OF TAX INCREASES

Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from a number of residents of Vancouver, New Westminster and once again a large number from Surrey. They feel that the cut-back in family allowances and the tax increases are inequitable and unbearable in the face of budget hand-outs such as \$500,000 in tax-free capital gains, greater RRSP deductions for high-income recipients, billions for the oil companies and the \$1 billion bail-out of the banks. They ask and pray that we reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances and rescind unfair tax increases.

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, my first petition is signed by residents of Niagara Falls and they call upon the Government to rescind the Bill to partially deindex family allowances. It is a regressive step.

I have a similar petition signed by people from various parts of southern Ontario. I have as well a third petition whose operative clause is: "Wherefore the undersigned your petitioners humbly pray and call upon the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances and rescind the unfair tax increases." These citizens of Canada reside in the City of Woodstock.

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present even more petitions calling for the reinstatement of full indexation of family allowance payments and rescinding of unfair tax increases.

CONCERN FOR FUTURE OF CN MONCTON SHOPS

Mr. George Henderson (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present a petition on behalf of 26 residents of Moncton, New Brunswick. They call upon Parliament to stop any moves to downgrade in any way the CN shops in Moncton, New Brunswick.

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Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have some petitions from the Wynyard-Mozart area in my constituency which call upon the House of Commons to note that family allowance deindexation will not be offset by changes to the child tax credit. Even the poorest families will be worse off by 1990. As well, changes to the tax system will reduce by \$600 million annually the amount of money families have to spend on their children. They call on the Parliament of Canada to therefore reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances and rescind unfair tax increases proposed in the last Budget.

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of different petitions. The first one is headed: "Please help save baby bonus indexing". It calls upon the House of Commons to save Canada's family allowance program. It also voices displeasure at the federal Government's unfair taxation of ordinary Canadians while providing billions in hand-outs and loopholes to the rich. Quite a number of people from Edmonton and other points in Alberta have signed this.

The second petition is from the community of Hastings-Sunrise in my riding. It also calls on Members of the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances and rescind unfair tax increases.

The next petition comes from Downsview, Ontario, Ward 5. They ask that the House of Commons restore full indexation to the family allowance and child tax credit. This budget measure will take away \$55 million in family benefits by 1987.

I have a further petition, if you will just bear with me on this, from Quebec and it says that—

[*Translation*]

Wherefore the undersigned humbly ask for the restoration of full indexation of family allowances and the repeal of unfair tax increases.

[*English*]

There is another one from Dorval, Quebec, which is similar and I will not—

Mr. Murphy: Read it for us, please.

Ms. Mitchell: —torture you with my French.

Finally, I have another petition from the Grandview community in Vancouver East which calls on the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation and deplores the other budget