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Fretz	McCrossan	Speyer
Friesen	McDermid	Stackhouse
Gagnon	McDougall	Stewart
Girard	(St. Paul's)	Tardif
Gormley	McKenzie	(Charlesbourg)
Gottselig	McLean	Taylor
Graham	Merrithew	Thacker
Greenaway	Mitges	Towers
Gustafson	Moore	Tremblay
Hawkes	Nicholson	(Québec-Est)
Horner	(Niagara Falls)	Tupper
Jacques	Nickerson	Turner
James	Nowlan	(Ottawa—Carleton)
Jepson	Oberle	Van De Walle
Jourdenais	Ostrom	Vézina
Kempling	Peterson	Vincent
King	Pietz	Weiner
Landry	Plourde	White
Lawrence	Porter	Winegard
Layton	Price	Witer—99
Lesick	Redway	
Lewis	Reid	
Lopez	Reimer	
Malone		

● (1150)

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion lost.

In order to be sure that all Hon. Members understand the procedure, I think it might be appropriate for the Chair to state that the vote that has just taken place was on the motion of the Hon. Member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy) that the House do now proceed to Orders of the Day. The motion has been defeated. As a consequence, we will continue with the presentation of petitions. The Chair recognizes the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier).

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to present some seven petitions in which the petitioners state that the proposed changes to the Patent Act will affect directly all Canadians who are not protected by private or governmental medicare programs; that the federal Government's proposals will raise the costs, already high, of provincial health care programs; that the monopoly granted to innovative pharmaceutical companies will prevent competition from generic companies, which will result in an increase of drug costs and prices and which will severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs; that the proposed changes to the Patent Act in Bill C-22 are another example of the Canadian Government's concessions in the free trade negotiations with the United States at the expense of ordinary Canadians, the undersigned—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier could pause for just a moment.

I remind all Hon. Members that when a member is presenting a petition or is speaking in this Chamber there are certain courtesies expected. If Hon. Members have an urgent conversation there are, of course, lobbies on both sides of the Chamber in which to have them. The Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier may continue his remarks.

Petitions

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I thank you. I conclude by saying that the petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

[Translation]

Mrs. Thérèse Killens (Saint-Michel—Ahuntsic): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present a petition signed by members of the golden age club of the Saints-Martyrs canadiens parish in my riding of Saint-Michel—Ahuntsic.

The petitioners are against the Government decision to make major amendments to the Patent Act through Bill C-22. They have advised me of their opposition because they consider that the Government propositions will increase the already high costs of prescription drugs, and that four million Canadian low-wage earners are not covered under social welfare or the private drug insurance system. Poor, older and sick people will be particularly hard hit by these changes.

The petitioners humbly call upon Parliament to bring pressure to bear on the Government and urge it to reject these propositions which will boost prescription drug prices.

[English]

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 106 from residents of Kitchener, Ontario, who state that the federal Government's proposals to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs will increase drug prices to consumers and severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs. Therefore, they humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

● (1200)

I have a petition from residents of Winnipeg who say that the proposed measure in Bill C-22 will unfairly hurt those Canadians whose health needs require the purchase of prescription drugs on an ongoing basis and, therefore, they humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. John Gormley (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, I have 20 petitions to table pursuant to Standing Order 106 from residents of the Saskatchewan communities of Macklin, Primate, Cactus Lake, Salvador, as well as signatories from the Alberta communities of Hayter and Provost. These petitioners humbly call upon Parliament with respect to Motion No. 37 and ask that Members of Parliament give due consideration to supporting this motion which calls on all Members of Parliament to request the Government to consider the advisability of amending the Canadian Constitution to afford rights to unborn Canadians. These petitioners humbly