

Petitions

AGRICULTURE

Mr. Rod Laporte (Moose Jaw—Lake Centre): I also, Mr. Speaker, want to present a petition on behalf of a number of producers from Saskatchewan. These are producers who are concerned about the future of agriculture in Saskatchewan and, indeed, in western Canada and are concerned most particularly with respect to the future of the Canadian Wheat Board. They are upset that the government has removed oats from the jurisdiction of the Canadian Wheat Board. They call upon this government to reinstate oats under the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to give oats and barley the same protection that wheat now has under the Canadian Wheat Board Act, namely that neither can be removed or changed without this body making that recommendation and passing that bill.

BILL C-21

Mr. Fred J. Mifflin (Bonavista—Trinity—Conception): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and duty to rise under Standing Order 36 to present a petition on behalf of some of my constituents from the Sweet Bay, Portland, Charleston, Summerville, Clay Cove area. These are fish plant workers in the fish plant in Charleston and they are very concerned about the 14 weeks unemployment insurance that they need to have in order to qualify. There was a meeting of 350 of them not too long ago at which they have expressed their concern.

They have now put it on paper. They are very concerned about what Bill C-21 is going to do, particularly with the government getting out of the unemployment insurance business.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject these cuts to the unemployment insurance system and propose more meaningful reforms, concentrate on the labour force development and come up with an effective regional development policy.

FOOD AND DRUG REGULATIONS

Mrs. Pauline Browes (Scarborough—Centre): Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to present this petition today, which will be the first of many petitions on this subject.

The petition is pursuant to Standing Order 36. The names of the petitioners on all the petitions total some 9,000. Recently, Robyn Allen of Scarborough died as a result of a very serious allergy food reaction.

The Allergy Information Association in metro Toronto and the petitioners are calling upon the Government of Canada to enact legislation amending the food and drug regulations. This is a very important issue.

A number of young people across the country have been subjected to death because of the information that has been lacking in restaurants as well as on packages. I am very pleased to present this petition on behalf of the petitioners.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Ron Fisher (Saskatoon—Dundurn): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of presenting a petition from constituents of mine in and around Saskatoon, Young, Asquith, Cutknife, Warman and Dalmeny and so on who ask that the government reject in the strongest terms the proposals for a goods and services tax.

The petitioners point out that what it does is tax people in a way that does not take into account their ability to be able to pay taxes.

They also decry the government's execution of the tax system which is presently in place whereby those who are wealthy and very well off pay very little tax. Those who are far less able to pay taxes are forced to share the major burden of the tax system.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, if Question No. 288 could be made an Order for Return, this return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that Question No. 288 be deemed to have been made an Order for Return.

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA LIMITED

Question No. 288—**Mr. Caccia:**

For each fiscal year from 1945-46 to 1989-90, have government funds been spent on the nuclear industry in Canada in (a) total grants to Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) (b) total grants for (i) research and development (ii) nuclear power reactors (c) loans for the construction of nuclear power reactors, less revenues received in payment of interest and principal (d) advertising and public relations for nuclear power and contributions to the Canadian Nuclear Association (e) development of (i) the CANDU 3 (ii) the "SLOWPOKE" reactor (f) research and development, loan forgiveness and subsidized interest rates, tax exemptions and subsidies for operating and maintenance costs for the Canadian uranium mining and refining and heavy water industries and, if so, in 1990 dollars, what amounts?

Return tabled.