

Introduction of Bills

The third petition comes from residents of the aforementioned communities, as well as the communities of Sleeman and Thunder Bay.

The fourth petition is signed by residents of the City of Toronto, and surrounding areas.

The fifth petition is from residents of Don Mills, Huntsville, Peterborough, Burlington, and St. Catharines.

LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS AT ARMED FORCES BASE AT GOOSE BAY

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): Finally, I have a petition which protests the plans by the Government to expand low-level flight training at the Goose Bay Canadian Forces Base. It calls upon the Government to suspend negotiations with NATO to expand the base there.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from a number of residents of Vancouver, North Vancouver, Victoria, and other places in British Columbia. The petition complains that the proposed changes to the Patent Act, which the Government is trying to drive through, will increase drug prices for many ordinary Canadians. The petitioners point out that this will bear especially hard upon those who are on fixed incomes and required to make regular use of prescription drugs. They feel that this is another intolerable example of Canadian concessions to the United States over free trade. They ask Parliament to reject the Government's proposals on this because it will increase the drug prices for many Canadians.

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Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): I also have a petition signed by a number of residents of North Vancouver, White Rock, Surrey, Burnaby, Victoria, and Kilworthy which points out that the present program of low-level flight training of pilots for NATO at the Canadian Forces Base at Goose Bay is disrupting the life of the native people, damaging the environment, and is also inherently an aggressive war-fighting action that tends to endanger world peace, since the intent is to promote a first strike into Eastern Europe. Therefore, the petitioners call upon Parliament to ensure that the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) ends the present low-level flight training at Goose Bay, and ceases negotiating with NATO for the establishment of a larger base there.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my responsibility and honour to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 106 from a number of residents of Atlantic Canada who are concerned about the federal Government's proposal to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs. They believe this will increase drug prices for Canadian consumers, and severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy the necessary prescription drugs. The petitioners are

calling upon the Government to reject its plans to proceed with this legislation.

LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS AT ARMED FORCES BASE AT GOOSE BAY

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): I have another petition to present on behalf of a number of citizens who are concerned about the low-level flight training of pilots of NATO countries at the Canadian Forces Base in Goose Bay, Labrador. They believe that this disrupts the way of life of many of the native people there. The petitioners also suggest that the training of pilots at Goose Bay to fly under the radar into Eastern Europe is a provocative and aggressive war-fighting action that tends to endanger world peace.

Therefore, the petitioners are asking the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and Parliament to end the low-level flight training programs at the Canadian Forces Base at Goose Bay, and to cease negotiations with NATO for the establishment of a larger base at that location.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour under Standing Order 106 to present a petition which has been signed by many residents of New Brunswick. The petitioners are concerned about the federal Government's proposal to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs. They believe that this will increase drug prices for Canadian consumers, and that it will severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs. The petitioners believe that this is another example of the Canadian Government's concessions in the free trade negotiations, at the expense of average Canadians. Therefore, the undersigned petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

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PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Don Ravis (Saskatoon East) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-240, an Act to amend the Public Service Employment Act (open competition).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Ravis: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce my Private Members' Bill C-240. The purpose of this Bill is to open competition in the Public Service to the most qualified and best trained Canadians within the Public Service, which I feel does not presently exist. I look forward to speaking to this Bill in the future.