

Act. In this instance the petitioners are from Burnaby and Vancouver, as well as other parts of British Columbia.

The petition calls upon the federal Government to reject the proposals contained in Bill C-22, proposals which would unfairly hurt Canadians, and particularly senior citizens, inasmuch as they would result in an increase in the cost of prescription drugs.

These petitioners call upon the Parliament of Canada to reject the proposals contained in Bill C-22.

HAZARDOUS COMMODITIES—RELOCATION OF TRANSFER POINT

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Next I have a petition in respect of the handling of hazardous commodities. This is a petition from the constituency of Vancouver East.

The citizens of Vancouver East request that the Canadian Transport Commission immediately relocate the transfer of all hazardous commodities to a location outside the inner harbour of Vancouver, and that a permanent solution to the movement of hazardous goods be finalized, a solution which is acceptable to the citizens of greater Vancouver and other parts of the Lower Mainland.

CONTINUATION OF WOMEN'S PROGRAM FUNDING

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): The fourth petition has to do with the Secretary of State funding of women's programs. In this instance, the petitioners are from the City of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. These petitioners request that the Secretary of State women's program be continued and that there be strong support for it, and that REAL women not be considered eligible for the program, a program whose aim is the equality of women.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions to table today, the signatories to which are from the provinces of Saskatchewan, Ontario, Nova Scotia and British Columbia. These petitioners are opposed to the proposed amendments to the Patent Act.

Because the monopoly granted to innovative pharmaceutical companies will prevent competition from generic companies and thus result in an increase in the cost of drugs, severely restricting the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs, the petitioners call upon the Government of Canada to withdraw the proposed amendments to the Patent Act—amendments which the petitioners believe will negatively affect Canadians, particularly the poor and the elderly.

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I, too, have a petition in relation to the proposed amendments to the Patent Act.

There is one particular clause in the petition which I should like to draw to the attention of the House, that being the clause that speaks of the proposed changes as yet "another example of Canadian Government concessions to the United

States in the free trade negotiations, at the expense of average Canadians".

So, whether we are speaking of lumber, oil, patent drugs, or whatever, these petitioners are concerned about this Government selling out Canada to the United States.

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a number of petitions from Canadians from Richmond and North Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia, as well as a number of petitions from residents of the Province of Quebec, and particularly the Laval area.

These individuals take advantage of their right to petition the Government of Canada to reject the proposed changes to the Patent Act, changes which these petitioners believe will result in increased prescription drug prices for the people of Canada.

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CITIZENSHIP ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Bob Pennock (Etobicoke North) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-254, an Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Pennock: Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure this morning to introduce my Private Member's Bill, a Bill to amend the Citizenship Act so that non-Canadian spouses of Canadian Armed Forces personnel and non-Canadian spouses of Public Service personnel of Canada or of a province of Canada be allowed to use the time of the posting abroad toward the residency requirement under the Citizenship Act.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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THE CONSTITUTION

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT, YEAR OF PROCLAMATION (NEWFOUNDLAND ACT)

On the Order: Government Notices of Motions:

April 8, 1987—The Minister of Justice:

WHEREAS section 43 of the Constitution Act, 1982 provides that an amendment to the Constitution of Canada may be made by proclamation issued by the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada where so authorized by resolutions of the Senate and House of Commons and of the legislative assembly of each province to which the amendment applies:

NOW THEREFORE the House of Commons resolves that an amendment to the Constitution of Canada be authorized to be made by proclamation issued