

DEINDEXATION OF OLD AGE SECURITY PENSIONS

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I wish to present a petition signed by many residents of the City of Vancouver in British Columbia. The petitioners are against the Government's proposed deindexation of old age security pensions, and they point out in their petition that the people most severely affected in Canada are the poor, the unemployed and the women.

[English]

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise to present a petition signed by numerous people in New Westminster and Burnaby, British Columbia, near my area of Vancouver-Kingsway. They ask that the House of Commons reinstate full indexation of the Old Age Security program. I can tell your Honour that my office is literally flooded with phone calls with respect to this particular issue.

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CORPORATIONS AND LABOUR UNIONS RETURNS ACT

MEASURE TO REPEAL

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-242, an Act to repeal the Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Blenkarn: Mr. Speaker, this Bill will save money for employers and employees, indeed the entire private sector as well as the Government. In my view and that of many others, this Act is redundant and an unnecessary burden on business and individuals generally.

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

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I request that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall all questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Investment Canada Act

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

INVESTMENT CANADA ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Stevens that Bill C-15, an Act respecting investment in Canada, be read the third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker: When we adjourned, the Hon. Member for Ottawa-Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) had been given the floor for a comment. I will therefore recognize the Hon. Member for a comment, but, in the circumstances, will end the period for questions and comments after that time.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I guess we will have to read our rules some day to find out exactly what happens when a Member is not in the House following an adjournment and the question period has to be followed through. I would love to have the Member for Gatineau (Mrs. Mailly) here to address my questions to, but I will just make a short comment. We all understand the difficulties of trying to be in two or three places at the same time.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, I would like to comment briefly on some of the remarks made by the Hon. Member for Gatineau (Mrs. Mailly). In a speech which, I assume, was intended to be constructive, she made a few statements which surprised me somewhat. She said, for instance, that Opposition Members had painted a terrifying picture of the legislation before the House, in other words, of Bill C-15. Maybe terrifying for her, but I can assure her it was in an attempt to be constructive, to amend the Bill and to make some important changes, that we proposed some 94 amendments, most of which, 92 in fact, were rejected by the Government.

The Hon. Member, as I said before, made some rather surprising comments. If I understood correctly, she said that the foreign companies in her riding re-invest just as much as Canadian companies do. I would ask her to review the figures she gave the House, because if Bill C-15 applies to Canada as a whole, then we are not talking about Gatineau or one particular area, we are talking about the whole country, and foreign companies certainly do not invest as much as Canadian companies. That is the whole point. I am not talking about the question of foreign investment in Canada. We have always said they were welcome. What we do not want is foreign control of our companies, our industry and our trade. We want to try and be masters of our own house and our economy, in order to be able to compete internationally.

The Hon. Member also stated that foreign companies in her riding were doing as much research and development as Canadian companies, if not more. It may well be that in Gatineau a few foreign companies are doing research and development, but generally speaking, Mr. Speaker, in Canada,