

Minister to reinstate full indexation of family allowance payments and the child tax credit and to refrain from cutting \$55 million from the income assistance program for families with children.

Mr. Speaker, from a beautiful region of Quebec, from the people of Trois-Rivières. They too have asked and urged us and all Members of the House to invite the Government to restore the full indexation of family allowances and to refrain from cutting \$55 million from income support programs for families with children.

Mr. Speaker, I conclude with the people of my neighbouring constituency, the fair constituency of Hochelaga-Maisonneuve. Feeling like they have been abandoned by their Member, unfortunately, the residents of Hochelaga-Maisonneuve and Rosemont want all Members of the House to ask the Prime Minister to restore the full indexation of family allowances and of the child tax credit.

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise and present to the House a petition signed by many residents of my constituency of Ottawa-Vanier who now exercise their ancient and unchallenged right and ask the House to urge the Prime Minister to restore the full indexation of family allowances and of the child tax credit.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition, this time signed by many residents of the constituency of Ottawa-Carleton, who now exercise their ancient and unchallenged right and ask the House of Commons to bring pressure to bear on the Government and the Prime Minister so they will restore the full indexation of family allowances and of the child tax credit.

Mr. Speaker, I will not take advantage of the House, I have another petition, the last one today, a petition which comes from the Ottawa region generally in which the petitioners urge the House to fully restore such Government programs as family allowances and the child tax credit, and they also ask for the full indexation of family allowances and of the child tax credit.

**Mr. Alain Tardif (Richmond-Wolfe):** Mr. Speaker, many constituents, many people also came to my office to bring petitions, especially two from Montreal-Mercier and Rosemont wherein the petitioners strongly deplore the Government's insistence on wanting to deindex family allowances and tax credits. They urge the Government to reconsider the situation and to grant full indexation.

Another petition from Montreal-Sainte-Marie and Hochelaga-Maisonneuve in which the people again blame the Government for its savage attack against family allowances.

I have two more petitions, Mr. Speaker, the last ones, whereby the petitioners voice their objections to deindexation of family allowances and see in this shameful measure a sign that the universality of social programs might eventually come under review. Those people ask the House and all Hon.

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Members to reconsider the situation so as to maintain full indexation.

**Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland-Kent):** Mr. Speaker, I also am honored to present petitions to this House and I can tell you there is quite a wave of protest somewhat similar to the one experienced last spring when there was an attempt by the Government to deindex old age security pensions. So the people in my constituency, the people in Shédiac, are joining the people in Rosemont, in Sainte-Marie, in Verchères, in Hochelaga-Maisonneuve, and all these people, Mr. Speaker, are asking the Government not to proceed with partial deindexation of family allowances.

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### CANADA SHIPPING ACT, ARCTIC WATERS POLLUTION PREVENTION ACT, MARITIME CODE ACT, AND THE OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-75, an Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act and to amend the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act, the maritime Code Act and the Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Act in consequence thereof.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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

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### TORONTO ISLAND AIRPORT

MEASURE TO ENACT

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-76, an Act respecting the operation of the Toronto Island Airport by the Toronto Harbour Commissioners.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Minister shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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