

Order Paper Questions

[Translation]

Mr. Roland de Corneille (Eglinton—Lawrence): Pursuant to Standing Order 106, Mr. Speaker, I have a petition bearing the signatures of residents of Vancouver and Calgary.

[English]

These petitioners wish to call upon the House of Commons because of their concern, as members of library associations, about the effect of the tariff upon libraries in their communities, especially in Calgary and Vancouver. The retaliatory tariff is hurting Canadian books, libraries, book publishers, and particularly the citizens who have to pay taxes in order to buy these books. Therefore, I am presenting this petition to the House of Commons on their behalf.

I also have a petition from people who are in St. John's, Newfoundland; Ottawa, St. Catharines, Montreal, Winnipeg, Kingston, Niagara Falls, New York; and Edmundston, New Brunswick. These petitioners are presenting this petition to call upon the House of Commons to do something about the problems concerning the tariff on books which is greatly affecting the libraries in our communities.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, I have three petitions to present this afternoon. The first deals with the Government legislation to amend the Patent Act. It is from my home constituency of Essex—Windsor. The many Canadians who have signed this petition feel that the changes being suggested will severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy the necessary prescription drugs. It will unfairly hurt Canadians whose health needs require the purchase of those drugs. It will result in higher costs to the provincial government drug plans. As I have noted before with such petitions, they too, as with the lumber agreement, are clearly concessions in the free trade talks that we are carrying on with the United States.

The second petition is precisely the same type, but it comes from the Province of Saskatchewan. It includes signatures from people in Moose Jaw, Regina, and in a number of other municipalities within the Province of Saskatchewan. This petition makes precisely the same points.

LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS AT ARMED FORCES BASE AT GOOSE BAY

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): The third petition is from people in Toronto. This petition protests the low-level flight training of pilots of NATO countries at the Canadian Forces Base in Goose Bay, Labrador. It suggests that hunting, fishing, tourism, and mining can provide more stable, healthy and peaceful employment than the Goose Bay Canadian Forces Base. Therefore, it calls upon the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to end all low-level flight training at the Goose Bay Canadian Forces Base, and cease negotiations with NATO for the establishment of a larger base there. As I say, it is signed by people from Toronto, and also by a significant number of people from Ottawa.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): I have the honour under Standing Order 106 to present a petition on behalf of residents of Thompson, Manitoba, who express their concern with the federal Government's attempt to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs. In the petition these Thompson residents have expressed their concern that the result of this change in legislation will severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs. They also express the belief that this is yet another example of the Government conceding to the United States at the expense of the average Canadians in the free trade negotiations.

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Therefore, the residents of Thompson humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which would increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS AT ARMED FORCES BASE AT GOOSE BAY

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, under the authority of Standing Order 106, it is my pleasure to introduce a petition approved as to form from a number of residents in Toronto, Pickering, Islington, Kleinburg, and Montreal. These people are protesting the present low-level flight training of pilots of NATO countries at the Canadian Forces Base in Goose Bay, Labrador. They say that it disrupts the way of life of native people, and also pollutes the area, and that hunting, fishing, tourism, and mining provide alternative employment in the area and could be promoted by the Government better than they are.

Therefore, because of that and because of the danger to world peace of this provocative and war fighting training, they ask Parliament to ensure that the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) will end these low-level flight training programs at Goose Bay and cease negotiating with NATO for the establishment of a larger base there.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 51 and 56.

[Text]

GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO CORPORATIONS

Question No. 51—**Mr. Shields:**

For each year since 1980, by province, did the Government make any contributions of more than \$1 million to corporations in Canada by means of (a) grant contributions (b) loan assistance comprising interest rate buy downs, interest free loans or low interest loans requiring \$1 million of government