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My people have made some contribution in story and song to this country and, Mr. Minister, we will take the cash.

I want to quote the words of another great Canadian, Joey Smallwood, on joining Confederation. After the struggle he led to join this country he said:

It was the greatest blessing from God, next to life itself, ever conferred upon the people of Newfoundland.

People in Labrador City, Goose Bay, Churchill Falls and many other places have come from all over the world to join us. We are becoming more and more true Canadians in every sense of the word every day. It is a great joy for me to join with my friend in paying tribute to this day and this week in which we celebrate something we all treasure, honour, and give thanks for, that is, our Canadian citizenship.

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, I also welcome the announcement of National Citizenship Week. I am glad to see the Government has recognized the contribution of those new citizens who have come here over the years. After hearing the previous speaker talk about how his family had a chance to vote to join Canada, I think of those of us whose ancestors voted with their feet to join Canada. I think that is a very significant fact.

There are times, especially when unemployment is high, when people ask why we allow more people into our country. It is ironic, since our population is only 2 per cent of that of China, a country of similar size geographically, that we sometimes worry about over-population. Obviously that is not a concern Canadians should have. We should welcome even more people to our shores. We have to recognize that those people have helped create jobs. They have stated their desire to be part of Canada. We also have to recognize that many of them need the refugee status which is being denied them at the present time. They have enriched our culture, helped increase our awareness of the world, and made a very valuable contribution.

There is only one omission in the statement for which I fault the Government namely, that we did not give adequate attention to the contribution of our original citizens. That is not a deliberate oversight but we have to remember their status here and the fact that the first people to welcome us here were the native people of Canada.

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**PETITIONS**

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of people from Nova Scotia who express their concern with the federal Government's attempt to increase the cost of drugs. The petitioners express their concern that, given that the purchase of prescription drugs on an ongoing basis is necessary for many

Canadians, the legislation the Government is trying to force through the House will only hurt those people. They call upon Parliament to reject those proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians. In order to assist the Government to do that and get to the legislation dealing with equalization, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie):

That the House proceed to Orders of the Day.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

**Some Hon. Members:** Yea.

**Mr. Speaker:** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some Hon. Members:** Nay.

**Mr. Speaker:** In my opinion the nays have it.

*And more than five Members having risen:*

**Mr. Speaker:** Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Murphy) which was negated on the following division:

*(Division No. 89)*

YEAS

Members

Allmand	Jewett	Penner
Althouse	Killens	Pépin
Angus	Malépart	Prud'homme
Blaikie	Marchi	Riis
Dingwall	McCurdy	Robinson
Finestone	McDonald	Rodriguez
Fulton	(Broadview—	Rompkey
Gagliano	Greenwood)	Skelly
Garneau	Murphy	Young —31
Gauthier	Nicholson	
Guilbault	(Trinity)	
(Saint-Jacques)	Orlikow	
Heap	Parry	

NAYS

Members

Andre	Caldwell	Crosby
Attewell	Cardiff	(Halifax West)
Bertrand	Champagne	Dantzer
Binns	(Champlain)	Darling
Blais	Clark	Daubney
Blenkarn	(Brandon—Souris)	Desjardins
Blouin	Clifford	Dorin
Bouchard	Comeau	Duplessis
Boyer	Corbett	Edwards
Brightwell	Crombie	Ellis
Cadieux		Fennell