

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, March 10, 1987

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITIONS

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 106, I have the honour to present two petitions. One petition is signed by a number of fishermen who point out to Parliament that in July, 1985, there were 1,093 fishermen collecting unemployment insurance, and by February, 1986, there were 29,847 fishermen collecting unemployment insurance. Obviously, this indicates the need for fishermen to receive unemployment insurance. Therefore, the petitioners are asking Parliament to ensure that the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Bouchard) reject any recommendation that would deprive fishermen of their right to collect unemployment insurance, and asking the Government of Canada to enter into consultations with all representatives of fishermen in Canada to ensure that improvements are made to the program that is offered to fishermen.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to present a petition on behalf of a number of western Canadians who are concerned about the Government's proposal to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs. They believe that these changes will severely increase drug prices for Canadian consumers, and restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy the necessary prescription drugs. The petitioners are asking Parliament to reject proposals which will increase these drug prices for Canadians.

OPPOSITION TO ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY BASE

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, I have great pleasure in presenting a petition on behalf of 130 Canadians who are mostly from the Province of Alberta. The undersigned petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to restrict the Department of National Defence from using, utilizing, purchasing, leasing, or in any way establishing a military base

on the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains of Alberta, particularly in the Highwood River Valley area abutting the Kananaskis Provincial Park. As in duty bound your petitioners humbly pray.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present three petitions from residents of Winnipeg, and towns in Manitoba such as Starbuck, Sanford, and Oakville. The petitioners state that the federal Government proposal to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs will increase drug prices for Canadian consumers, and will severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs. Therefore, the petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a duly certified petition from a number of Canadians who are concerned about unemployment insurance for fishermen. They point out the great dependence of fishermen on unemployment insurance. The petitioners fear that the Government is contemplating removing the right to collect unemployment insurance. The petitioners wish to see the unemployment insurance program for fishermen improved. The petitioners call upon Parliament to ensure that the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Bouchard) rejects any recommendation that will deprive them of their right to collect unemployment insurance, and further to enter into consultations with representatives of fishermen to improve the unemployment insurance program for fishermen.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.