

merchants on the reserve sell these goods, without charging taxes, to consumers from across Canada.

Mr. Speaker, speaking on behalf of these business people, I hope the Canadian Government will take immediate action to stop these unfair business practices.

● (1210)

[English]

NORTHERN TAX ALLOWANCE

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106 I am pleased to have an opportunity to present a petition on behalf of a number of people who are concerned that the comprehensive eligibility list for the northern residents tax deduction in its present form is discriminatory. Many communities not on the list are adjacent to listed communities and obviously that is unfair. The petitioners suggest that a practical solution would be for the Government to declare all communities presently in tier 3 ridings, such as Kenora—Rainy River, as eligible for the deduction. That would resolve the problem until the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) conducts his commission of inquiry to sort out this disaster.

RESEARCH INTO PREVENTION AND CURE OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by several dozen constituents of mine in Elliot Lake concerning the serious problem of schizophrenia facing many Canadians, and the need for additional research by the Government to assist these patients. The petition simply calls on the Government to provide greater financial support for this very serious disease which afflicts some 1 per cent of our population.

[Translation]

Mr. Gaston Isabelle (Hull—Aylmer): Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to table a petition on behalf of 800 Canadians, most of whom reside in the riding of Hull—Aylmer, and your petitioners humbly pray that Parliament allocate far more funds than it does at the present time for research on an illness that affects 1 per cent of all Canadians and which costs this country about \$3 billion annually. Your petitioners are asking the Government to start making a serious effort to find a cure for schizophrenia, a mental illness that has biological causes.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

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

Mr. Speaker: Agreed?

Supply

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S. O. 82—CANADA-FRANCE FISHING DISPUTE

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Baker:

That this House deplore the unlawful arrest of a Canadian fishing vessel by the Government of France in area 3PS off the coast of Newfoundland; and

That this House condemn the Government for its failure to protect the Canadian fishing industry and its continuing inability to resolve the Canada-France fishing dispute.

Mr. Gauthier: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. I am surprised to see that the Minister who last spoke in this debate is not present to respond to questions and comments.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Minister had 10 minutes for questions and comments. Since he is not here I must go to debate. The Hon. Member for Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands (Mr. Manly) has the floor for debate.

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands): Mr. Speaker, like the Hon. House Leader for the Liberal Party, I am very unhappy that the Hon. Minister, who took advantage of the question period after the speech of the Hon. Member for Gander—Twillingate (Mr. Baker) to ask questions—

Mr. Hawkes: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Manly: —is not willing to stand in his place and answer questions himself.

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Speaker, it is a well honoured, and for good reason, tradition of this House that we do not comment on the presence or absence of Members in this House. However, I think the Minister would like the House to know that he is working with other Ministers to bring about a resolution of this problem. That I think should be his priority on behalf of the people of Newfoundland and this Chamber.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I wholeheartedly agree with that. We should not comment on who is or who is not in the Chamber. I regret that the Hon. Minister is not here but the rules of the House state that if he is not in the Chamber, he cannot be asked questions or respond to comments.

Mr. Lewis: You guys do it all the time.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member has been recognized for debate.

Mr. Tobin: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. I agree that Members should not comment on the presence or absence of other Members, but surely it is reasonable that someone be