

and surrounding areas a petition protesting the downsizing or closure of the CN shops in Moncton. Twelve hundred jobs are being threatened and already 225 lay-off notices have been sent to the workers. They ask the Government to try and stop that very depressing situation.

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND REPEAL OF TAX INCREASES

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions from various communities in British Columbia. Unlike some Conservative Members, including one Minister, from British Columbia, I am going to read them out instead of tabling them secretly with the Clerk.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Will the Hon. Member just do that as opposed to giving us a preamble?

**Mr. Waddell:** No more preambles, Mr. Speaker. I have petitions from Gibson's Landing, Maple Ridge in the Fraser Valley, and Vancouver, including my riding of Vancouver-Kingsway. Numerous people have protested this Bill and they call upon the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances and rescind unfair tax increases.

**Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, it is my duty and honour to present a series of petitions from Halifax and Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. I have another series of petitions from Vancouver and Burnaby, British Columbia. The petitioners call upon the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances and rescind unfair tax increases.

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**Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions with regard to the family allowance from Halifax and some from the Province of Saskatchewan, in particular, from the City of Regina. I also have petitions with regard to family allowance from my own riding of Winnipeg North Centre. These petitioners point out that the deindexation of the family allowance is an unfair attack on women and families, and particularly on single parent mothers, and that these cut-backs in family allowance are inequitable in light of the hand-outs to banks and oil companies.

**Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that the people of the riding of Spadina are still sending in petitions against the Government's proposal of partially deindex the family allowance. They call it an unfair attack on women and families with children. They petition this House to reinstate full indexation universal family allowance and to rescind the unfair tax increases.

[Translation]

POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF CN MONCTON SHOPS

**Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland-Kent):** Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to table in the House a petition

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signed by about 400 people from Moncton, Salisbury, Sussex and Petitcodiac, in which petitioners describe the situation at the CN shops in Moncton and ask the Government to take steps to protect these jobs.

[English]

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay-Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and duty to present petitions, not only from my own riding, but from all across Canada. I have petitions from the communities of Campbellton, Tide Head, and Dundee in New Brunswick. I have petitions from Toronto, Thunder Bay, and Manitoba. All of these petitions call upon the Government of Canada to continue to index the family allowance at a full rate so that the children of the country can get the food and clothing that they need.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE—PENSION INCOME DEDUCTIONS

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay-Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by a number of labour leaders from Thunder Bay and northwestern Ontario who are calling on the Government to change its approach on the use of pension income as it relates to unemployment insurance. The petitioners call upon the Government to reverse its decision which came into effect as of January 1 of this year.

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND REPEAL OF TAX INCREASES

**Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon):** Mr. Speaker, it is an honour and privilege to present petitions from various areas of Canada dealing with family allowance. These petitioners protest the decision to deindex the family allowance, point out the consequences for even the poorest families, and call upon the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation. Some of the petitioners are from the Vancouver area and various areas of the lower mainland including Surrey, Delta, and Burnaby. There is a petition from the City of Kamloops in British Columbia as well. I also have petitions from persons living in Ottawa and various parts of the City of Toronto. I have petitions, as well, from persons living in various communities in Nova Scotia, including Sackville, Dartmouth, and various parts of Cape Breton. All of these, of course, call upon the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation.

**Mr. John Parry (Kenora-Rainy River):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and privilege to present petitions today from all corners of the Province of Ontario calling upon the Government to reinstate full indexation of the universal family allowance and to rescind the unfair tax increases. I have a similar petition signed by residents of Campbellton and Dalhousie in New Brunswick also calling upon the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, I also have the privilege of tabling a petition signed by residents of Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Rosemont, Outremont, Laurier and Vaudreuil-Soulanges in the province of