

Petitions

of York West. Both petitions are protesting the sale—in fact, giveaway—of de Havilland, and are requesting that the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and the Conservative Government return this company to a wholly-owned Canadian company, thus ensuring the protection of Canadian jobs and Canadian technology, and the maintenance of Canadian pride in a very important sector of our economic life.

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND REPEAL OF TAX INCREASES

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to introduce a petition on behalf of a number of residents of western Canada who are of the opinion that the deindexation of the universal family allowance and the massive cut-backs in the public commitment to child benefits are an unfair attack on women and families with children, especially single parent families. The petitioners ask that the House of Commons, and particularly the Government, reinstate full indexation of the universal family allowance and rescind the unfair tax increases of the last Budget.

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I also have the honour to present several petitions. The first one is from the riding of Burnaby. It has to do with the issue of family allowances, and petitions the House to reinstate the full indexation of the universal family allowance and to rescind the unfair tax increases.

The next two petitions are from Halifax, Nova Scotia, and also acknowledge that the deindexation of the family allowance will be a hardship on families, which will not be offset by changes in the child tax credit. They ask for full reindexation of the universal family allowance.

[*Translation*]

FIREFIGHTERS AT SAINTE-FOY, QUEBEC AIRPORT

Mrs. Suzanne Duplessis (Louis-Hébert): Mr. Speaker, with respect, I table today a petition on behalf of the federal firefighters at the Quebec Airport in Sainte-Foy, in the constituency of Louis-Hébert. They ask the Treasury Board and the Government to facilitate the renewal of their working contract and to improve their working conditions.

[*English*]

CONCERN ABOUT FUTURE OF CN MONCTON SHOPS

Mr. Dennis H. Cochrane (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, once again I have the honour and privilege to present to this House a number of petitions signed by residents of the federal constituency of Moncton who are expressing their concern with regard to the future of the CN shops. They express their concern that the current assessment of the maintenance capacity throughout Canada may have negative employment implications for the hundreds of people working at the shops in Moncton. They call upon Members of this Parliament to stop

any move that may downgrade in any way the facilities in Moncton.

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Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to introduce a petition signed by residents of the Kitchener-Waterloo area in the Province of Ontario. Those petitioners state that deindexation of the universal family allowance is an unfair attack on women and families, and further state that this attack will not be offset by changes to the child tax credit and that other tax increases in the May Budget will place an unfair burden on low and middle income earners.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I also have the privilege to introduce a petition signed by nurses throughout Manitoba who indicate their opposition to the Government's intention to deindex partially the universal family allowance. They also call upon the Government to rescind unfair tax increases that will affect many Canadians.

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a couple of petitions, one bearing hundreds of signatures of people from my riding and which deals with family allowances. These petitioners point out that the deindexation of the family allowance is an unfair attack on women and families, especially single-parent mothers.

My other petition regarding the same subject is from Nova Scotia.

I have a further petition from British Columbia concerning family allowances. All of these petitioners call upon the Government to restore full indexation of family allowances.

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have over 200 names on petitions from people resident in Spadina and other parts of Toronto who oppose the Government's Bill that would cut family allowance in future by 3 per cent of the annual increase. They point out that this is unfair compared to the generous tax hand-outs to corporations and people with high income. Therefore, these petitioners call on the House to reinstate full indexation of the universal family allowance and to rescind the unfair tax changes.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Alain Tardif (Richmond-Wolfe): Mr. Speaker, it is also my duty to present to the House a number of petitions, dealing of course with the same concern on the part of quite a large number of people who deplore that the Government intends to de-index family allowances.

Mr. Speaker, this first one comes from the federal constituency of Montreal-Sainte-Marie. The second one comes from the federal constituency of Saint-Jean; another one comes from the federal constituency of Verchères, and finally the last one comes from the federal constituency of Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot, where hundreds of people are suggesting that full