

Petitions

They are asking that those taxes be rescinded and that the family allowance be fully indexed.

I have quite a number of petitions from Ontario. The first is from Kanata, Kingston, and Gloucester, Ontario. It protests the deindexation of universal family allowances, the massive cuts that this will mean to child benefits, and the unfair taxes. They call for full indexation of the universal family allowance.

Another petition is from Crystal Beach, Ontario, which is near where I grew up. There are quite a number of signatures on it. I am glad that the good people of Crystal Beach, Ontario, realize that the Conservatives are doing a disservice to Canadians, particularly to Canadian families. They are calling for the reindexation of the universal family allowance and the rescinding of unfair tax increases.

I have another petition which is from the machinists' union, as was the last one. This one is signed by citizens of St. Thomas Ontario. They are opposed to the Government policy and, I am sure they would expect the Government, now that it is saying that the economy is improved, to fulfil its promise not to cut back on social programs if the economy improves. These people want full indexation returned to the family allowance.

The next petition is on the same subject and is from a number of members of the Gray family in Aylmer, Ontario. They also protest the cuts in the family allowance.

Several of the many petitions I have yet to present are from British Columbia. The first one is from Victoria Drive in Vancouver in my riding.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I believe the Member is well aware of the rules. If she has more petitions on the same subject, could she please file them with the Table?

Ms. Mitchell: Mr. Speaker, I just have two more petitions from Vancouver which I would like to include. They are on the same subject and ask the Government and the House of Commons to reindex the family allowance to the full cost of living and to rescind unfair tax increases before Christmas.

[*Translation*]

Mrs. Lucie Pépin (Outremont): Mr. Speaker, I wish also to table a number of petitions against deindexation of family allowances from citizens residing in the Quebec ridings of Sherbrooke, Beauce, Laval, Lotbinière, Champlain, Saint-Maurice, Trois-Rivières, as well as in Mississauga-South, Moose Jaw (Saskatchewan), and Vancouver-East.

All these Canadian men and women are asking the Government not to deindex the family allowances.

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard-Anjou): Mr. Speaker, I have also a number of petitions against the Government's plan to deindex the family allowances. These petitions are from the Quebec ridings of Berthier-Maskinongé-Lanaudière, Quebec East and Rosemont.

● (1230)

Mr. Alain Tardif (Richmond-Wolfe): Mr. Speaker, I also have a number of petitions that deplore the fact the Government intends to deindex family allowances.

The petitions are of course from several different ridings, and I am told that some were sent to Conservative Members, who refused to table them in the House, so that with your permission, Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring a number of these petitions to the attention of the House. They all have one thing in common and that is that they deplore deindexation of family allowances.

First, I have one from the federal riding of St. Catharines. I have another one from the federal riding of Manicouagan. I have another one, Mr. Speaker, from the riding of Mégantic-Compton-Stanstead. I have another from the federal riding of Trois-Rivières. Mr. Speaker, I have another petition, this time from the federal riding of Jonquières. And I have another one from the federal riding of Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot, where people wrote to tell me, Mr. Speaker, that their Member refused to table petitions, and they are insisting on full indexation of family allowances.

Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau): Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit a number of petitions sent to me by constituents in a number of ridings in this country who are asking the Government of Canada to reinstate immediately full indexation of family allowances and the child tax credit.

These petitions are from the federal riding of Brome-Missisquoi, from the City of Toronto—it is hard to tell exactly which riding—but in any event, they are residents of the City of Toronto. I also have petitions from residents of the federal ridings of Sudbury and Windsor West in Ontario, and finally from Ottawa-Carleton in the National Capital Region.

[*English*]

OPPOSITION TO MAY 1985 BUDGET PROVISIONS

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex-Windsor): I too have hundreds of extra names to add to the pressure that we hope will lead to the Government making some shifts in its policy. The first petition protests the budget hand-outs made in the past Budget, such as half a million dollars in tax-free capital gains, greater RRSP deductions for high-income recipients, plus the \$9 billion in hand-outs to the oil companies and the billion dollar bail-out of the banks. This petition comes from Nova Scotia and such towns as Enfield, Windsor Junction, Milford, Dartmouth, Halifax, Milford Station, Wellington, Sackville, Fall River, Nine Mile River and Oakfield.

CHANGES IN CHILD TAX CREDIT

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex-Windsor): The second petition I wish to present is in protest to the changes in the child tax credit which will lead to a decrease for even the poorest