

*Petitions*REQUEST FOR FREEZE ON HARBOURFRONT CONSTRUCTION
PENDING REVIEW

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, at long last I have the honour to present to the House a petition that has been signed by approximately 150 residents of the Harbourfront residential community in Toronto which acknowledges that there is presently a review of the Harbourfront plans for development.

The petitioners indicate their concern with the height, the density, the recreation space and the parking requirements. They also indicate that, notwithstanding the review that is ongoing, buildings are still being constructed without building permits. They call upon Parliament to freeze all of the construction in the Harbourfront area including, in particular, the buildings at 633 Lakeshore Boulevard West, 650 Queen's Quay West and 11 Stadium Road pending the outcome of the review. They also ask that they be allowed input into the review process.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO UNEMPLOYMENT
INSURANCE BENEFITS

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, I have the duty and honour to present petitions on three different subjects. The first is from Canadians living in a number of locations in British Columbia.

They humbly pray and call upon Parliament to ensure that the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Bouchard) reject any recommendations that would deprive fishermen of the right to collect unemployment insurance benefits and to enter into consultations with all representatives of fishermen in order that improvements to the program offered to the fishermen are made.

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BOARD

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from citizens in a number of locations in Saskatchewan, Ontario and British Columbia in which they humbly pray and call upon Parliament to ensure that Government and Parliament enact legislation that would embody the principles of fair and quick oral hearings of refugee claimants before a refugee board independent of the Immigration Commission, universal access to such hearings for every claimant in Canada, and adequate opportunity to arrive in Canada to make this claim.

TRANSPORTATION—ECONOMIC REGULATORY REFORM

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions, six to be exact, from many locations in Canada in which citizens petition Parliament and the House of Commons to have the Government withdraw Bill C-18 and to retain public convenience and necessity as a fundamental factor in the development of public transportation policy and to retain licensing in order to restrict market-place activity to a

present level functioning in the best interest of the public as a whole.

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OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Mr. Roland de Corneille (Eglinton—Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, I have petitions from many parts of this country, including Prince Edward Island; British Columbia; Mississauga, Toronto and Willowdale in the Province of Ontario; and from Calgary, Alberta.

I present a large number of petitions with a large number of signatories thereto. I also have one from the Province of Quebec in relation to the amendments to the Patent Act.

[Translation]

—that the changes in the Patent Act will directly affect all Canadians who are not protected by private or government medicare programs and that the Government's proposals will raise the already high cost of provincial health care programs.

[English]

The proposed changes to the Patent Act relating to drugs is a matter of grave concern to these petitioners.

It is my pleasure, on behalf of hundreds upon hundreds of Canadians across this country, to submit these petitions to the House of Commons.

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a number of constituents from the constituency of Prince Albert, I have the honour and the duty to present a petition to the House calling upon the Government to be cognizant of the proposed changes to the Patent Act in relation to drugs, and to in fact reject these proposals, or any proposals which would increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO UNEMPLOYMENT
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Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I have four petitions to present, the first one being from a number of fishermen from Carbonear, Newfoundland, as well as from British Columbia. It is the concern of these fishermen that the unemployment insurance program might no longer apply to their situation.

These petitioners call upon the Parliament of Canada 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 to enter into consultations with all representatives of fishermen in Canada in order that improvements to the program can be brought about.

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Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): I next table a petition in respect of the proposed amendments to the Patent