

Petitions

changes so that the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) can amend the budgetary measures to maintain full indexation of family allowances and the child tax credit.

Mr. Speaker, I have a third petition from constituents of Longueuil, of Laval and of Gamelin. These residents and petitioners also ask this Government to review its position and to reestablish full indexation of family allowances and the child tax credit for all Canadian families.

This is the last petition, Mr. Speaker! It comes from the federal constituencies of Gamelin and Rosemont in Quebec. The petitioners are also disappointed by the Government's decision to de-index family allowances and the child tax credit. They pray the Government to review its position and to reestablish full indexation of family allowances and the child tax credit.

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Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I also have a number of petitions given to me by the people of Lotbinière and Mégantic-Compton who cannot rely on their Members of Parliament to represent them in the House. They asked me to act on their behalf and present a petition to urge the Government of Canada to restore the full indexation of family allowances and of the child tax credit.

Mr. Speaker, if there were only the people of Lotbinière and Mégantic-Compton, it would not be too bad, but a lot of ridings have asked us to represent them here. The people of Rosemont, among others, were unable to get in touch with their Member, so they asked me to act on their behalf and present a petition to urge the Government of Canada to restore the full indexation of family allowances and of the child tax credit.

As you can see for yourself, Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of dissatisfied people in Rosemont, for I have here another petition from residents of Rosemont who have asked me to present this petition to you where they urge the Government of Canada to restore the full indexation of family allowances and of the child tax credit.

I have another petition from Rosemont, Mr. Speaker. There are a lot of dissatisfied people in that riding. They too have told me they insist that the Government of Canada should restore the full indexation of family allowances and of the child tax credit.

Now, Mr. Speaker, a petition from the people of Montreal-Sainte-Marie who first told me how proud they are of their Member of Parliament, adding that they agree with him when he urges the Government of Canada to restore the full indexation of family allowances and of the child tax credit.

Mr. Speaker: Does the Hon. Member have other petitions to present on the same subject?

Mr. Lapierre: It is different, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member well knows that he has the right to name the constituency or to present petitions to the House. That is all that is needed. I cannot allow the Hon. Member to continue with such a list, except if he wants to name other constituencies. Is that the case? He only wants to name other constituencies?

Mr. Lapierre: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The residents of Saint-Léonard-Anjou would never have forgiven me had I not told you that they too are dissatisfied, as is another group—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member is fully aware of the Standing Orders of the House concerning petitions. If he has a series of petitions on the same subject, all he has to do is rise and indicate the number of petitions and where they come from in Canada. A brief summary is allowed, but not for each petition. I know the Hon. Member is aware of that. The Hon. Member for Montreal-Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart).

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal-Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to present to the House a number of petitions from confederations and family agencies representing millions of Quebec families in which the Prime Minister is asked to reinstate full indexation of family allowances and the child tax credit, and who are asking the Prime Minister not to cut \$55 million from family assistance programs.

Mr. Speaker, of course, the people of that great riding of Montreal-Sainte-Marie have asked me to table a petition in which they humbly pray the Right Hon. Prime Minister to refrain from cutting family allowance payments and the child tax credit.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from the people of the riding of Rosemont. They want to know and are asking the Right Hon. Prime Minister to reinstate full—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Did the Hon. Member say three times: "a petition to the Prime Minister"?

Mr. Malépart: No.

Mr. Speaker: No? Now I would like to know whether these petitions are addressed to the House.

Mr. Malépart: To the House.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you.

Mr. Malépart: Mr. Speaker, I will repeat this for the record. The petitions are addressed to the House and they are asking the House to humbly pray the Prime Minister.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from a beautiful riding, whose people are a long way from Ottawa and Montreal, from the people of Chicoutimi and Sherbrooke, who also humbly pray the House that all Members urge the Prime