

States Congress from taking protectionist action which would cost thousands of jobs in Canada's forest sector.

#### FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE

**Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon):** Mr. Speaker, it is an honour to present petitions from residents of three different provinces of Canada, residents of the community of Langley in British Columbia, Saint Hubert and other parts of the Province of Quebec and Moncton and other communities in New Brunswick; also from Halifax and other parts of Nova Scotia. All protest the decision of the Government to deindex the universal family allowances. We point out that the consequence of the variety of changes the Government has proposed will be to reduce even the poorest families to worse straits by 1990. They call upon the House of Commons to restore full indexation of the family allowance.

**Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to present a petition on behalf of some concerned citizens from the City of Owen Sound and surrounding areas in the riding of Grey-Simcoe who are opposed to the reduction of the indexation of family allowances. The petitioners believe that children are everyone's responsibility and that the principle of full indexation should be maintained.

#### POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF CN MONCTON SHOPS

**Mr. Dennis H. Cochrane (Moncton):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and privilege to present to this House several petitions signed by residents of the federal constituency of Moncton as well as of Westfall and Kent expressing their concern for the future of the CN shops in Moncton.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE—PENSION INCOME DEDUCTIONS

**Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege to present a petition signed by a number of residents of Hamilton who ask the Parliament to ensure that all retired employees keep their pension benefits and receive their unemployment insurance benefit without deduction of pension income.

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**Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty to present a number of petitions from a number of provinces, the first one from Montreal, Quebec; the second one from New Brunswick in the area of Moncton; the third one from Vancouver, British Columbia; and the final one from Nova Scotia.

All of these petitioners humbly pray and call upon the House of Commons to reinstate the full indexation of the universal family allowances and to rescind unfair tax increases.

#### Petitions

[Translation]

**Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have four petitions concerning family allowances. The undersigned state that the deindexation of family allowances and the public disengagement in the area of child benefits are an unfair attack against families with children and especially single parent families.

Mr. Speaker, this petition comes from the Province of Quebec.

[English]

I have another petition with regard to the same subject of family allowances calling upon the Government to restore full indexation of family allowances. The same kind of petition as the one from the Province of Quebec, but this one is from the Province of New Brunswick. I have another petition calling upon the Government to restore full indexation of family allowances from the Province of Nova Scotia. Finally, I have a petition from the Province of British Columbia. So we have petitioners here from all across Canada calling upon the Government to restore full indexation of family allowances.

**Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, I also have a few of the very many petitions that have come in over the Christmas break. The first one is from Burnaby, British Columbia, and it calls on the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances.

The second one is from a number of people from New Brunswick, and it also calls on the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of family allowances and to rescind the unfair tax increases.

The next one, which is in French says:

[Translation]

The undersigned humbly ask the Government to re-establish full indexation of family allowances and rescind the unfair tax increases.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

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[English]

The next petition is on the same subject and is from Kemptville and Wolfville, Nova Scotia. I have another one, which is also in French, from Round Hill, Nova Scotia. The final petitions are from Truro, Cambridge and Dartmouth, Nova Scotia on the same subject of the reindexation of family allowances.

**Mr. Neil Young (Beaches):** Mr. Speaker, it is my duty and privilege to present several petitions. The first one concerns the reduction in family allowance benefits and it was forwarded to me by an organization from Kitchener called Help Stamp Out Poverty Everywhere. The petitioners state that in the opinion of your petitioners, the recent federal budget policy to deindex family allowances is clearly an attack on the working poor and poor alike and as a result they strongly urge the Government of Canada to restore full indexation of family allowances.