

Order Paper Questions

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Benno Friesen (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall all questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*Translation*]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT, 1971

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed from Wednesday, November 25, consideration of the motion of Mr. Bouchard that Bill C-90, an Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal-Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, we were waiting for the tabling of petitions, but we are probably going to skip this item today.

Yesterday, when I began my remarks on Bill C-90, an Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971, I showed that as far as the unemployment insurance scheme is concerned, this Conservative Government has failed miserably. I should like to remind the Government that—The House is aware that as the Holiday season is approaching the Government is second to none when it comes to taking Quebecers and the other Canadians for a ride. Before the Holiday season, last year he had changed the rules of the game and cut 46,000 people from the Unemployment Insurance roles—

Mr. Speaker, are we going to table petitions or—? Then, could I continue my remarks?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: With the House's consent, we will revert to the tabling of petitions. The Chair recognizes the Hon. Member for Papineau (Mr. Ouellet).

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

PETITIONS

OPPOSITION TO BILL C-51—TOBACCO PRODUCTS CONTROL ACT

Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table a petition signed by a number of Montreal voters who object to Bill-51, an Act to prohibit the advertising and promotion and respecting the labelling and monitoring of tobacco products. They are opposed to it because they feel this Bill violates the freedom of expression of Canadians.

OPPOSITION TO TAXATION OF FOOD

Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau): On the other hand, Mr. Speaker, I have here a bunch of petitions signed by voters from my Papineau riding who object to the Federal Government putting a tax on food, convinced as they are that such a sales tax on foodstuffs would have highly detrimental effects on senior citizens and low income families. They therefore ask the Government not to proceed any further with this unfair tax.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE—OPPOSITION TO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ELDERLY WORKERS

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I too would have petitions to present, first from residents of various regions of Quebec who are against the Conservative Government's decision to discriminate against older workers with respect to unemployment insurance benefits.

OPPOSITION TO TAXATION OF FOOD

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I also have another series of petitions from Ontario and Quebec residents who, like my colleague from Papineau (Mr. Ouellet)—and I must point out that 100,000 such petitions have reached me so far—are opposed to the decision of the Government to consider taxing such foodstuffs as bread, milk and butter.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well, resuming debate with the Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart).

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