

All of these people support Bill C-268 which is an act respecting a national solidarity day for the First Nations of Canada. The record will show that when the bill was presented, the Progressive Conservatives in the House of Commons did not support it and consequently it was defeated.

• (1520)

BILL C-91

Mr. Ron Fisher (Saskatoon—Dundurn): Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present a petition on behalf of Canadians from Winnipeg, Manitoba and Dundurn, Saskatchewan.

The petitioners urge the government not to proceed with Bill C-91 and to repeal Bill C-22, passed in 1987, so that Canadians will have the full benefit of lower priced generic drugs. In this way, provincial and private drug plans can serve Canadians without being forced to charge higher fees and/or provide less service.

They do this because after 1987 when Bill C-22 was passed, drug prices did increase. Bill C-91 extends the time from 10 years to 20 years for the prohibition of generic drug manufacture in Canada. The drug companies simply do not need 20 years of exclusivity for their drugs.

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POINT OF ORDER

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, I notice that there is no one from the government side to move the usual motion that the questions stand. Perhaps now someone could respond.

I notice that question No. 406 has been on the Order Paper since September 16. You will know that the 45-day limit has long passed, Mr. Speaker. That question was in regard to the use of government aircraft by the Prime Minister.

Routine Proceedings

Question No. 407 of September 16 was in regard to the number of secure telephones that the Government of Canada has purchased.

Neither of those questions has been answered. In particular, the first one is a very easy one to answer. It is now about 65 days since I asked the question. The government, according to our rules, only has 45 days to answer.

I was wondering, Mr. Speaker, if the parliamentary secretary would be in a position to give us at least a commitment that these questions will be answered before the adjournment at the end of this week.

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to apologize to you and to the House for being a little tardy in responding to your call. I would beg your indulgence, Sir.

I can get to my friend's question if the House would allow me to revert to responses to Questions on the Order Paper, and then I would be prepared to proceed, if the House would agree.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): We will then resume consideration of Questions on the Order Paper.

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(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 410 and 412.

[Text]

Question No. 410—**Mr. Barrett:**

Does the Minister of International Trade have a list of "third party support" for the North American free trade agreement and, if so, what are the names of these companies and individuals and what materials, if any, have been sent to them in relation to NAFTA?