

Petitions

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Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I have several petitions to bring to the attention of the House today. The first is from the Delta, Burnaby, Richmond and Vancouver areas of British Columbia. The petitioners are very concerned that deindexation of universal family allowances and cut-backs in the public commitment to child benefits are an unfair attack on women and families with children, especially single-parent mothers. They call upon this House to do whatever it can to reinstate full indexation.

The second group of petitions is from all over Ontario and they bear a large number of signatures. The petitioners are concerned about budget hand-outs such as the \$500,000 in tax-free capital gains, RRSP deductions and billions of dollars going to the banks while at the same time the universal family allowance is being cut back. I am pleased to provide these to you today, Mr. Speaker.

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I also have quite a number of petitions from British Columbia and the Maritime provinces. The petitioners ask for reinstatement of full indexation to family allowances. The petitions from British Columbia include the communities of Surrey, New Westminster, Coquitlam, Vancouver, North Vancouver, South Canbrook, Kimberley, Invermere, Haney, Richmond, White Rock, Burnaby, Port Alberni, Dawson Creek, Salt-spring Island, Surrey and many from the City of Vancouver. There are also petitions from Delta, Nelson, Castlegar, Ganges on Saltspring Island, Port Moody, Fruitvale, Port Hardy, Lac-la-Hache, Richmond, Sechelt, Salmon Arm, Kitimat—

Mr. Frith: Sounds like a bus schedule.

Ms. Mitchell: It does sound like a bus schedule but they say that people all over British Columbia are concerned.

The second group of petitions are from Lunenburg and Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. There are petitions from Dover, Riverview and St. John's, Newfoundland. There are also quite a number from a number of different communities in Nova Scotia. They all protest Bill C-70.

Hon. Douglas C. Frith (Sudbury): Mr. Speaker, I, too, have a number of petitions which ask the Government to reverse itself on the plan to deindex family allowances. The petitioners reside in Labrador and Quebec. There are petitions from the ridings of Sudbury, Gander-Twillingate, Nickel Belt, and Victoria, as well as from the Okanagan and Esquimalt areas of British Columbia.

CONTROL OF PORNOGRAPHY

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House petitions from Fraser

Valley East churches, including the Chilliwack Alliance Church, the St. Paul Lutheran church, the Chilliwack Seventh Day Adventist Church, and the Gillanders Road Neighbourhood Group. These petitioners urge the federal Government to establish clear obscenity legislation and enforce stricter control over pornography. They are truly concerned about maintaining community standards of decency.

[Translation]

CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF BILL C-70

Mr. Jacques Guilbault (Saint-Jacques): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition I would like to table, and it is a large one. It contains the signatures of 700 people from the Montreal area, and these signatures were collected by the *Organisation d'aide aux assistés sociaux de la rue Delisle*, in Montreal.

Petitioners believe that society as a whole should share responsibility for children, and that the principle of universality should be maintained.

They humbly ask the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Mulroney) to immediately withdraw Bill C-70 which proposes to de-index family allowances.

[English]

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND REPEAL OF TAX INCREASES

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I also have the honour to present a number of petitions from a number of communities in Nova Scotia, including Halifax, Dartmouth, Sackville, Pugwash, Wentworth, Truro and Springhill. The petitioners ask this House to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowances and rescind unfair tax increases from the last Budget.

I also have the honour to present a petition from my own riding, specifically Norway House, where a number of native people have again expressed their concern over the Government's intention to destroy universal family allowances absolutely by partial deindexation of that very necessary source of income to the people of that community.

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, I, too, have the duty and privilege to present a number of petitions. Many of them are signed by residents of my own constituency. Others are signed by residents of the Cities of Kitchener, Waterloo and Guelph, Ontario. The petitioners state that deindexation of universal family allowances is an unfair attack on women and families. They further state that this attack will not be offset by changes to the child tax credit and that other tax increases in the May Budget will place an unfair burden on low and middle-income earners.

POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF CN MONCTON SHOPS

Mr. George Henderson (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to present on behalf of about 450 residents of Moncton