

Petitions

benefit studies on the tax impact and the employment impact of these particular measures.

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PETITIONS

REQUEST THAT RENT INCREASES OVER FOUR PER CENT BE ROLLED BACK

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, this petition is certified correct as to form and content. It is signed by some 282 residents of the Main Square apartment buildings in my constituency. They state that the federal Government and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation have stated that rent increases in these apartments have been 10 per cent, 10.25 per cent, 10.6 per cent, and 11 per cent for 1986 and 1987 alone. The petitioners call upon Parliament to ensure that rental increases in the Main Square apartment buildings be rolled back to comply with the Ontario provincial guidelines which limit increases to 4 per cent per annum.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and privilege to present a number of petitions today. The first is from residents of the riding of Thunder Bay—Atikokan and, I believe, Thunder Bay—Nipigon, regarding the federal Government's proposal to change the Patent Act for drugs, which these individuals oppose.

I have a petition from an organization called the Concerned Citizens Organization also objecting to the federal Government's proposals which they believe will result in higher cost in provincial Government drug plans.

I have a petition from the Westford and east end and areas of my riding, which is a very old, established working class area, in which the residents suggest that the changes to the Patent Act are another example of the Canadian Government concessions to the United States at the expense of average Canadians.

From the residents of Atikokan, a small community at the western end of my riding, a considerable number of residents have petitioned the House and called upon Parliament to reject those proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

Finally, I have three sets of petitions from all over the riding, including workers at Can-Car Rail who join with other citizens of my riding in opposing the plans by the Government regarding generic drugs.

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, I want to submit one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen petitions bearing 1000 names from Windsor, Ontario. It is part of thousands of names fixed to petitions in opposition to the

Patent Act which reflects a surrender to American interests and an abrogation of responsibilities to the Canadian people with respect to medical care and drug prices.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall all notices of motions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[English]

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 29

CANADA-FRANCE AGREEMENT—FISHING RIGHTS

Mr. Speaker: Let me advise the Hon. Member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent) that I have received his letter in sufficient time. The application is completely in order.

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 29 I request the adjournment of the House for the consideration of a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, specifically, the announcement yesterday by the federal Government of an interim agreement with the Government of France concerning additional fishing rights for the French fleet off the coast of Newfoundland.

This unilateral decision by the federal Government has enraged the people of Newfoundland to the extent that calls are coming in from all over the province, many of which are calling for Newfoundland to reconsider its position in Confederation. The Premier of Newfoundland has expressed his outrage at this unilateral action and last night he was joined by the Premier of Nova Scotia who said, "This is the straw that breaks the camel's back", claiming his province will be