correct by the Clerk as to form. They both express opposition to offshore oil exploration and development in the Canadian Pacific.

The petitioners point out that the area is earthquake zone and that the waters in some of those areas are as rough as any in the world. The petitioners hope and pray that the Government will not permit any offshore exploration in those waters.

# ASSURANCE SOUGHT AGAINST EXPLORATION FOR OIL AND NATURAL GAS OFF WEST COAST OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to raise a petition today on behalf of constituents from Kamloops, Denman Island, Cumberland, Black Creek, Courtney, White Rock, Vancouver and Surrey, British Columbia. The petitioners are basically asking Parliament to take steps to ensure that there is no exploration for oil and natural gas off the West Coast of British Columbia.

### PROTEST CHANGES TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, another group of petitioners from Kamloops, British Columbia, are concerned that the Government is making very cruel changes to the Unemployment Insurance Act. A million people who would normally be receiving UI benefits will not receive benefits. The Government is saying that these funds will be used to retrain people. The petitioners say that this is an abuse of the fund and an inappropriate way to arrange for training and upgrading.

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Albert Cooper Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 67, 68, 72, 73 and 90.

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#### BUDGET

# Question No. 67-Mr. Manley:

For each year since 1984, how many copies, including those that were rejected due to printing process errors, of (a) the Budget in Brief (b) other standard budget documents were printed and what security measures were put in place to (i) secure the copies for distribution (ii) destroy the copies that were rejected due to printing process errors?

# Order Paper Questions

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): I am informed by the Departments of Finance and Supply and Services as follows:

- a) Budget in Brief: 1984—400,500; 1985—707,000; 1986—355,750; 1987—200,000; 1988—291,000; 1989—460,000
- b) Other standard budget documents: 1984—64,500; 1984 (Economic Statement)—50,600; 1985—64,500; 1986—80,750; 1987—95,000; 1988—91,000; 1989—110,000
- i) Because of Budget secrecy requirements, a wide variety of security measures exist. These include ensuring that personnel who are required to work on the preparation, production and distribution of the Budget have undergone an appropriate security screening; and that the locations where Budget materials are handled, including the printing, distribution and waste storage areas, are in a secure environment.
- ii) In accordance with government security policy, all classified Budget "surplus material", including copies that are rejected due to printing process errors, is baled under guard and then held in a secure area until after the Budget is tabled (released). At that time, the now unclassified "surplus material" is turned over to a private sector waste paper disposal firm under contract with the government.

# POSTAL SUBSIDY PROGRAM AND MAIL INFRASTRUCTURE PAYMENT

#### Question No. 68-Mrs. Finestone:

- 1. For the fiscal years 1986–87, 1987–88, and 1988–89, was any money paid under the Department of Communications Postal Subsidy Program to the Canada Post Corporation in the following categories (a) daily newspapers (b) rural weekly newspapers (c) paid circulation periodicals (d) controlled addressed periodicals (e) foreign periodicals (i) mailed in Canada (ii) mailed and printed in Canada and, if so, what amount?
- 2. For the fiscal years 1986–87, 1987–88, and 1988–89, was any money paid under the Publications Mail Infrastructure Payment to the Canada Post Corporation in the following categories (a) daily newspapers (b) rural weekly newspapers (c) paid circulation periodicals (d) controlled addressed periodicals (e) foreign periodicals (i) mailed in Canada (ii) mailed and printed in Canada and, if so, what amount?

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Communications): Concessionary postal rates for books, magazines and newspapers represented an expenditure of \$222.1 million in 1986–87 and \$219.5 million in each of 1987–88 and 1988–89. For example, in 1986–87 this expenditure is divided into two elements: i) an infrastructure payment of \$167.0 million paid to Canada Post through the Minister responsible for the Corporation; and ii) a cultural subsidy of \$55.1 million paid to Canada Post by the Minister of Communications. In 1988, the postal