

constituents, the same rights as other Members when asking questions. I feel that this is wrong.

As this House reforms, I strongly believe that the practices of the Chair should reform with it in the true spirit of equality for all. Mr. Speaker, I consider this to be a matter that could be considered by the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization. Should you rule that I have a *prima facie* case of privilege, then I am prepared to move that it be referred to the appropriate committee.

Mr. Speaker: I accept the Hon. Member's representations as a representation. I may say that I think it is perfectly normal for Government Members in any Government with any Speaker to raise that question. That question has been raised in every Parliament and every Speaker has dealt with the question in exactly the same way based on our precedents. There is no question of privilege here. The Hon. Member knows that, I think. He believes strongly that something should be changed. I can say to the Hon. Member that if Hon. Members want the whole issue of Question Period reviewed by one of the standing committees of the House, they have every mechanism to do that if they so wish.

I think the Hon. Member knows that I have strong views about Question Period, but I also know that our practices have been very clear in the past. As a matter of procedure and of the rules, the whole question of the granting of supplementary questions is completely within the discretion of the Chair. Our practices in that matter are also clear, and the Hon. Member knows that.

Mr. Malone: Change the practice.

Mr. Speaker: Members change sides in this House and immediately they change their view of what the practice should be. I accept that. I think I may say to the Hon. Member that Speakers in the past have made general comments about Question Period generally at some point in their mandate. I do intend to do that at some point in the not too distant future. However, on the question of whether more questions and more supplementaries should be granted to Government Members, I think I would be going against all the traditions of the House if I were to change the practice and tradition of the House without some instruction from the House itself.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITIONS

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE

Mr. Moe Mantha (Nipissing): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition which deals with the deindexation of the family allowance. The petitioners consider the principle of universality too

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important to be tampered with. They wish to have full indexation reinstated.

CALL FOR CHANGES TO YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Jack Scowen (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 190 residents of Aylsham, Saskatchewan, who humbly pray and call upon Parliament to seek immediately changes to the Young Offenders Act for young offenders who commit serious crimes of violence against society, in order that they can be dealt with in an adult court.

[Translation]

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE

Mr. Raymond Garneau (Laval-des-Rapides): Mr. Speaker, I have here a series of petitions which are all from the federal constituency of Louis-Hébert and which have been signed by hundreds of people who ask the Prime Minister of the Canadian Government to reconsider Bill C-70 so that family allowances paid to Canadian mothers can be fully re-indexed. These petitions are signed by a great number of residents of the Louis-Hébert constituency.

[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE—PENSION INCOME DEDUCTIONS

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I have the responsibility and privilege of tabling a petition signed by members of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen from Alberta, Local No. 2. In this petition the signatories request that Parliament reverse the decision of the Government whereby the Unemployment Insurance Act was changed so that pension income was considered earned income in calculating benefits. These petitioners call upon Parliament to reverse that abhorrent regulation so that they can collect their unemployment insurance benefits.

[Translation]

POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF CN MONCTON SHOPS

Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland-Kent): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty once again to present to this House today a petition signed by people from Moncton, Memramcook, Dieppe. The petition has to do with the situation at the CN shops in Moncton and asks the Government to protect the jobs at the CN Moncton shops.

[English]

SALE OF DE HAVILLAND CORPORATION

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, it is my responsibility to present two petitions today in the House of Commons. One is from residents living in the federal riding of North York, and the other is from residents of my own riding