

federal constituency of Shefford a common grievance on the problem of family allowances. These citizens would like the federal Government to reinstate full indexation of family allowances and the child tax credit.

[English]

Mr. Speaker, I will also present the same petition on behalf of residents of the federal constituency of Richmond-South Delta in British Columbia, residents of the wonderful constituency of Hillsborough in Prince Edward Island, and residents of the constituency of Okanagan North in British Columbia.

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions from people in several constituencies in Canada relating to the deindexation of family allowances. These people pray that the Canadian House of Commons reinstate the full indexation of universal family allowances and rescind this unfair form of tax increase. The first petition is from Trois Rivières in the Province of Quebec. The second petition is from Kootenay West in British Columbia and is signed by many people from that area. The third petition is from the constituency of Assiniboia in Saskatchewan. It is signed by a lengthy list of petitioners and is with regard to the deindexation of family allowances—

[Translation]

—in the riding of Champlain, Province of Quebec.

[English]

I have a petition from the great riding of Etobicoke-Lakeshore in Toronto signed by many petitioners. In addition to that, Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from Broadview-Greenwood, also in Toronto, signed by many petitioners. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from the riding of Sarnia-Lambton which is signed by a large number of Canadian citizens from that riding.

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[Translation]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

TRIBUTE TO MR. MAXIME GUITARD

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Mr. Speaker, I want to join you in congratulating Mr. Maxime Guitard, and thank him for his loyal and extraordinary services to the House of Commons. It is my hope that we will continue receiving his excellent advice, which he always extends in a fair and equitable way to all Members in this House.

[English]

As an officer of the Table his duty is to treat every Member of the House of Commons equally, new or old, from any of the three Parties. I think he has given a good example of that, as have all the others, of course.

Petitions

[Translation]

PETITIONS

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND CHILD TAX CREDIT

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): To comply with Your Honour's wishes, I shall be brief, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour to table a number of petitions. The first one is signed by a group from the Champlain riding, namely, the *Coalition des femmes pour les allocations familiales*, concerning the Government's decision to deindex family allowances.

Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table another petition from people residing in the federal riding of Portneuf who are asking again the Prime Minister of Canada to renounce its project to deindex the family allowances and child tax credit. I take this opportunity to congratulate my friend the Hon. Member from Montreal-Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart) who has tabled a great many petitions we are all aware of his complete dedication to this cause, and I hope he will have a restful Holiday Season, because he has been very active throughout the year, having been selected by our caucus as our champion on these issues.

[English]

Mr. Speaker, I have a petition on the same subject from Toronto. It is addressed to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Cabinet and begs them to reconsider their final decision. While offering you my best wishes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to present my last petition from the fabulous, beautiful district of Kootenay West where Expo '86 will be held—

Ms. Mitchell: Expo will not be held in Kootenay West!

Mr. Prud'homme: Expo '86 will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia. Maybe some people will offer each other gifts during the Christmas season and go to Expo in British Columbia. It is a beautiful province and it is going to be a fabulous Expo. However, the people there are also very, very worried about this project to deindex family allowances. I would like to table this petition, Mr. Speaker.

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, petitions continue to flood in every day on the issue of having family allowances reindexed to the real cost of living so that children and mothers will not suffer through a reduced family support system.

The first petitions are from Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. The next petition also asks for full indexation of the universal family allowance and for the House of Commons to rescind the unfair tax increase. It is from Calgary, Alberta.

I have another petition on the same subject from Edmonton, Alberta, the land of Conservatives who are telling the Conservatives to reindex the family allowance.

I also have a petition from Saskatchewan with quite a number of names on it, Mr. Speaker. The petitioners are saying that the accelerated cut-backs in child benefits on top of the sales tax changes and excise tax increases are unfair.