

Order Paper Questions

[English]

NORTHERN TAX ALLOWANCES

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, I have the honour and privilege to present two petitions.

The first petition is signed by residents principally of the communities of Keewatin and Kenora in my riding. The petitioners call for the Government to remedy the inequitable and bizarre situation that has been created by the application of the northern residents' tax allowance whereby some people have been granted the allowance, and others, their very neighbours even, have been denied the allowance.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to provide a remedy by designating all communities that are placed in Tier III ridings as eligible for the deduction.

The second petition is signed by some 40 residents of the community of Ignace, Ontario. It is in the same vein and it seeks the same remedy, namely, that all communities that are remote and isolated should be designated as eligible for the northern residents' tax deduction.

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CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present petitions from the ridings of Trinity, Spadina, and other parts of Toronto, from people who say that since Canadian sovereignty is threatened by the proposed trade deal between the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and the President of the United States, for which the Prime Minister had no mandate from the Canadian people, and because this would reduce Canada's ability to plan our economic, social, and cultural programs and will integrate Canada further into the North American defence industrial base, therefore the undersigned ask the House of Commons to ensure that a national debate takes place on the Mulroney-Reagan trade deal, and that this debate result in a national general election before any agreement is signed.

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Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on the same subject matter as the one presented by the Hon. Member for Kenora—Rainy River (Mr. Parry) relating to the taxation of northern benefits.

In my riding the communities of Thompson and Bowden will not receive this tax benefit. The Government, through its rules and regulations, has deemed these communities which are over 700 kilometres north of the City of Winnipeg to be southern communities as far as it is concerned. People in the riding object strongly to the classification they have been given.

This petition has been signed by a number of people, many of whom work for the federal Government.

A similar petition was signed by over 4,500 residents of these two communities and was ruled ineligible by the Clerk of the House because it was not in proper form. However, it signifies that a very large percentage of people living in these two communities object to the discriminatory ruling of the federal Government and are very concerned about the issue.

I should also point out to the House that a number of people in the City of Thompson are deliberately going to misfile their tax forms as if they were northern residents, which they believe they are.

It is a very serious situation that the Government of Canada has created.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 241, 252, 268, 282, and 299.

[Text]

GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR ALLARCOM LTD.

Question No. 241—**Mr. de Jong:**

Within the last four years has (a) Allarcom Ltd. (b) Cathton Holdings Ltd. of Edmonton received any government grants and, if so, in each case (i) when (ii) under what programs (iii) in what amounts?

Hon. Robert de Cotret (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion and Minister of State for Science and Technology): In so far as the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion is concerned, the answer is as follows:

(a) Allarcom Ltd. (i) On April 22, 1987, the company accepted an offer of assistance of \$1,109,394 toward the planned development of a \$6.9 million motion picture and television production studio in Edmonton. This would assist in the efforts to diversify manufacturing and non-resource based industry in Alberta; (ii) Western Transportation Industrial Development Program; (iii) As of January 18, 1988, no payments have been made.

(b) Cathton Holdings Ltd. (i) (ii) (iii) Nil.

DPW—GRANTS TO CORPORATIONS IN METROPOLITAN TORONTO AREA

Question No. 252—**Mr. Redway:**

Since September 4, 1984, did the Department of Public Works make grants and/or loans to persons or corporations, non-governmental organizations and governments within Metropolitan Toronto and, if so, in each case, in what amount and for what purpose?

Hon. Stewart McInnes (Minister of Public Works): The Department of Public Works has made the following grants in lieu of taxes (municipal grants) to local governments in