

Petitions

SHOE IMPORT QUOTAS

Mr. George Baker (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to present on a different subject. It deals with the shoe industry. The petitions state that the Government's decision to end quotas on footwear imports as announced on November 20 will cause widespread damage to the Canadian footwear industry and threatens thousands of jobs. That petition comes from the Pickering and Toronto area.

I also have a petition concerning the footwear industry, on practically the same subject matter. It comes from the area of Scarborough, Ontario.

There is one other petition which I cannot locate. However, I will certainly get to it tomorrow.

ACTION OF OFFICIAL OPPOSITION

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I have the duty to present a petition on behalf of a number of concerned Canadians. They wish to register their protest against the actions of the Official Opposition. The nature of this petition is to request—

Some Hon. Members: Read the names.

Mr. Shields: By unanimous consent I will read the names.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Just a brief summary of the petition.

Mr. Shields: The brief summary is that they are saying they voted for change. They want the Official Opposition to stop its juvenile tactics and allow the Government of Canada to get on with its work.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

OPPOSITION TO BILL C-70

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, it may not surprise Your Honour or the Hon. Member who just spoke that I have a petition, the essential thrust of which is somewhat different. It is protesting the Government's announced change in its inequitable and, I say to Members opposite, unfair proposal to make changes in the family allowance legislation which is now in the law books of Canada. These petitioners come from such esteemed Canadian communities as Harrow, Brampton and Woodstock in Ontario. At this point I have the great honour of concluding the long list of petitioners for my Party.

Mr. Speaker: Apparently not. The Hon. Member for Thunder Bay-Atikokan (Mr. Angus).

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay-Atikokan): I snuck up on him, Mr. Speaker. It is my privilege to present a petition from residents of Thunder Bay, Ontario in the heart of the north-west. They object strongly to the deindexation of family

allowance and call upon the Government to give them the kind of change they really voted for.

I also have the privilege to present a number of petitions from the cities of Kingston and Toronto. These people feel that the financial arrangements which the Government is offering are not appropriate, and they call upon the Government to continue to index family allowances.

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Finally, I have a petition to present from a number of people in southern Ontario who believe strongly that the deindexation of family allowances is not appropriate and call upon the Government to reverse its decision.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed Bill C-89, an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the Government of Canada for the financial year ending March 31, 1986.

I am now prepared to recognize the Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray) on a petition, the last Member who indicated to me that he wished to present a petition.

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[*Translation*]

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FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND CHILD TAX CREDIT

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from residents of the federal riding of Saint-Jean, Quebec, who now exercise their secular and indisputable right to present a common grievance being certain that your honourable House will bring remedy thereto.

And the undersigned humbly pray and call upon the Government of Canada to restore full indexation of family allowances and child tax credit.

Mr. Speaker, I have a second petition from residents of Toronto who also exercise their secular and indisputable right to present a common grievance being certain that this honourable House will bring remedy thereto.

This petition calls upon the Government of Canada to restore full indexation of family allowances and child tax credit.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: It being 5.41 p.m., the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's Order Paper.