

Government Orders

Your petitioners are asking for a review of these policies.

[English]

UKRAINE

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, my last petition was received some time ago. It deals with petitioners' requests for our support of Ukrainian independence but more lately they ask for closer economic cultural, political, and diplomatic ties between our two countries.

NUCLEAR ENERGY

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton Southeast): Mr. Speaker, I have three petitions which are all the same. I suppose there are more than a hundred people mostly from the Concert, Alberta area and give a number of their objections to nuclear power, environmental concerns, the moratorium on nuclear development, the funding for Atomic Energy of Canada.

They want a level playing field for all forms of energy and they call on Parliament to take such actions as required to fulfil their request for renewable alternative energy sources and cleaner fossil fuel plants and the phase-out of nuclear.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 245 and 246.

[Text]

Question No. 245—**Mrs. Gaffney:**

With respect to the issuance of special government cheques for the 125th birthday celebrations of Canada (a) how many old cheques were shredded (b) what was the cost incurred by printing and storing the cheques prior to being shredded and (c) what was the cost of shredding these cheques?

Hon. Paul Wyatt Dick (Minister of Supply and Services): No government cheques are being destroyed as a result of the 125th birthday celebrations. The govern-

ment cheque has been redesigned for the 1990s to ensure its continued integrity and security. During 1992 Government of Canada cheques will carry a Canada 125 logo at no additional cost.

Question No. 246—**Mr. Gardiner:**

Has the government shredded any unused cheques since January 1, 1992 and, if so, (a) how many (b) what is the cost of this shredding to date and what are future estimated costs (c) why was this shredding undertaken (d) what is the total cost of replacing the cheques (e) can the shredding be attributed to Canada 125 Corporation?

Hon. Paul Wyatt Dick (Minister of Supply and Services): Yes. (a) 27 million cheques related to a faster than forecasted direct deposit program which replaces cheques by electronic payments and will save the government approximately \$9 million in direct costs annually, 13 million cheques related to a contingency program to ensure eligible Canadians received their October 1991 GST credit cheque, 6 million cheques related to reduced requirements for the 1991 Revenue Canada tax refund program, and 33 million cheques due to the introduction of the new cheque design on a one-time basis; (b) the total cost is approximately \$15,000; (c) refer to (a); (d) the unused cheques will not be replaced; they are redundant; (e) no.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The questions as enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered.

Mr. Cooper: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING AGENCIES ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-54, an act to amend the Farm Products Marketing Agencies Act and other acts in consequence thereof, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Agriculture.