

Wherefore the undersigned humbly pray and call upon Parliament to urge the Conservative Government to keep its commitments to linguistic minorities in Canada by making available in both official languages and in all communities throughout Canada the televised broadcast of The 1988 Winter Olympics, which will be an international event.

And your petitioners will ever pray, Mr. Speaker.

OPPOSITION TO TAX ON FOOD

Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau): Mr. Speaker, I too should like to present several petitions signed by taxpayers in my riding who object to the Conservative Government proposal aimed at taxing food. Whereas food constitutes a vital element in day-to-day life and the imposition of this tax would have the effect of further penalizing the elderly, low income families and, of course, the unemployed and younger people in our society;

Wherefore these constituents object to this Conservative Government proposal and urge it not to levy a sales tax on food products.

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[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all the questions on the Order Paper be allowed to stand.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall all the questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all notices of motion for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall the notices of motion for the production of papers be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Patent Act

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

PATENT ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND—CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

The House resumed, from Tuesday, November 3, consideration of amendments made by the Senate to Bill C-22, an Act to amend the Patent Act and to provide for certain matters in relation thereto; And the motion of Mr. Andre:

That a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint Their Honours that this House agrees with amendment 18(b) made by the Senate to Bill C-22, an Act to amend the Patent Act and to provide for certain matters in relation thereto, but disagrees with all other amendments except amendment 13(a), (b), (c), and (d), 14(a), (b), (c) and (d) and amendment 16(a) because this House believes that amendments 4(b), 11, 12, 15(a), (b), and (c), 16(b), (c), (d) and (e), 17(a) and (b) and 18(a) are in contradiction to the fundamental principles of the Bill and undermine the objectives of the policy.

More specifically:

Amendments 4(b), 11 and 12 change the coming into force of the sections thereby jeopardizing all of the research and development commitment of the industry, and are therefore not acceptable;

Amendments 15(b), (c) and 18(a) remove flexibility from the Patented Medicines Prices Review Board inconsistent with the design of such regulatory agencies and are therefore inconsistent and not acceptable;

Amendment 15(a) arises out of Senate amendments 13 and 14 and is therefore inappropriate;

Amendment 16(b), (c), (d) and (e) and 17(a) and (b) arise out of amendments 13, 14, and 16(a) which are proposed for further amendment by this House in this Message. Therefore the Senate amendments are inappropriate.

And that Senate amendments 13(a), (b), (c), (d), and 14(a), (b), (c) and (d) be amended to read as follows:

That Clause 15 of Bill C-22 be amended,

(a) by adding, immediately after line 36 on page 13, the following:

"(1.1) Where, in the opinion of the Board, a patentee of an invention pertaining to a medicine has, within such period as is prescribed, increased the price at which the medicine is sold in any market in Canada by a percentage in excess of the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, as published by Statistics Canada under the authority of the Statistics Act, for that period, the Board may, by notice in writing, require the patentee to provide the Board with such information and documents concerning the costs of making and marketing the medicine as the Board may specify and as is available to the patentee in Canada or is within the knowledge or control of the patentee, and on the receipt of any such notice, the patentee shall comply therewith within such time as the Board may specify."

(b) by striking out line 45 on page 13 and substituting the following:

"tion (1) or (1.1)."

(c) by adding, immediately after line 33 on page 17, the following:

"(5.1) Where, in the opinion of the Board, a patentee of an invention that is a medicine has, within such period as is prescribed, increased the price at which the medicine is sold in any market in Canada by a percentage in excess of the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, as published by Statistics Canada under the authority of the Statistics Act, for that period, the Board may, by notice in writing, require the patentee to provide the Board with such information and documents concerning the costs of making and marketing the medicine as the Board may specify and as is available to the patentee in Canada or is within the knowledge or control of the patentee, and on the receipt of any such notice, the patentee shall comply therewith within such time as the Board may specify."