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I have another set of petitions signed by members of the Royal Canadian Legion in Winnipeg who say that the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowance and to rescind the unfair tax increases.

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West):** Mr. Speaker, in line with the historic right to petition which has existed, I believe, since Runnymede, we now have more names on petitions regarding family allowances than we had on petitions regarding the old age pensions, something which the Crown ignores at its peril. I would like to present a petition signed by a number of people from the City of Regina. The undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon the House of Commons to reinstate and maintain the full indexation of family allowances and to rescind unfair tax increases, something for which they and I humbly pray.

#### RESTORATION OF FERRY SERVICE TO PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West):** Mr. Speaker, I have another petition to present on another subject. Residents of the Atlantic provinces and particularly Prince Edward Island and parts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia petition and humbly pray and call upon Parliament to restore the ferry schedule between Borden and Cape Tormentine, the ferry service between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and to consult with the local citizens as to the requirements of their ferry services.

#### [Translation]

#### FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND CHILD TAX CREDIT

**Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland-Kent):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present petitions on behalf of families who are severely affected by the de-indexation of family allowances. These petitions are signed by people, first, from the constituency of Manicouagan, second, from the constituency of Hamilton-Wentworth, and then by people from Moncton and Thunder Bay-Nipigon. This one is signed by people from London East and London West. I have another one here I received from the City of Toronto. Another one comes from the federal constituency of Kamloops-Shuswap, and the last one comes from the federal constituency or area of Saint-Hyacinthe.

Your petitioners, Mr. Speaker, pray that the Government re-instate full indexation of family allowances and the child tax credit.

#### POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF CN MONCTON SHOPS

**Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland-Kent):** Mr. Speaker, I have another petition on another matter, and it also concerns the CN shops in Moncton. The people of Grande-Digue in the

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Moncton area, in my riding, are very concerned about the situation at the CN, and they are asking the Minister to take a stand and protect jobs in this area.

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#### FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND CHILD TAX CREDIT

**Mr. Raymond Garneau (Laval-des-Rapides):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling a petition from the *Cercle des fermières du Québec* who are asking the Prime Minister of Canada to maintain full indexation of family allowances and the child tax credit.

**Mr. Alain Tardif (Richmond-Wolfe):** Mr. Speaker, I also have a number of petitions in which all petitioners want to see family allowances and the child tax credit maintained. They claim, and rightly so, that these payments are indispensable to families with children.

The same petitioners, Mr. Speaker, want to see reinstatement of full indexation, and their petitions are from the federal riding of Ottawa-Carleton.

I have another petition from Toronto, Ontario; one from the federal riding of Gaspé in Quebec, and another one, also from the federal riding of Gaspé, Quebec.

I have another one here, Mr. Speaker, from the federal riding of Capilano in British Columbia; another petition from Hamilton, Ontario; another one from a federal riding in Quebec, this time from Saint-Maurice, and my last one is from the federal riding of Rimouski.

All petitioners are urgently asking for full indexation of family allowances, a form of assistance that is very important to single-parent families.

#### [English]

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE—PENSION INCOME DEDUCTIONS

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, first, I have a petition with respect to pension benefits which are essential for the maintenance of family incomes. The deduction of pension benefits from unemployment insurance benefits would seriously interfere with the efforts of employees and the community to create employment. Accordingly, the petitioners, who are from Corner Brook, Newfoundland, ask Parliament to ensure that all retired employees keep their pension benefits and receive their unemployment insurance benefits without deduction of pension income.

#### [Translation]

#### GOVERNMENT FISCAL AND SOCIAL SECURITY POLICIES

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood):** Now, Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a petition on behalf of a great many petitioners from Montreal, Laval, Dorval, Saint-Hubert, Saint-Lambert, Longueuil and other Quebec areas.