

Petitions

[English]

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I invite the Hon. Member to table the rest of his petitions.

The Hon. Member for Algoma (Mr. Foster).

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, I have several petitions which call upon the Government to withdraw the deindexation measures with respect to family allowance. In this regard a petition from St. Hyacinthe points out that this measure will cost families \$55 million over the next two years in respect of family allowance benefits.

The second petition I have is from Etobicoke North. It calls upon the Government to withdraw the Bill with respect to the deindexation of the family allowance.

OPPOSITION TO BILL C-70

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): I also have petitions from Skeena, Portneuf, Shefford, Richelieu, Champlain, Saint-Maurice, Comox-Powell River, Toronto, Surrey-White Rock-North Delta in British Columbia, Saint-Jean in Quebec, and Québec-Est. Each and every one of these petitions prays that the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Epp), who is with us this afternoon, withdraw Bill C-70. I hope he will bear these petitions in mind and soften his heart at Christmas time.

USE OF NANOOSE BAY TEST RANGE

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I have three different petitions to table in the House today. The first contains eight pages of signatures from petitioners in the Queen Charlotte Islands, specifically from Queen Charlotte City, Tlell, Masset, Skidegate and Skidegate Landing, who are concerned about the Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental and Test Range at Nanoose Bay. Their concern is that Canada and the United States should stop the use of the test range and bring to an end all weapons testing at the said range.

The second petition is from petitioners in the Vancouver area. They also share the concerns about Nanoose Bay. They hope that the test range will soon be converted to peaceful purposes which would be more useful.

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, the third petition I have is from Ontario. It raises concerns about the amount of money which is going toward tax-free capital gains and hand-outs to the oil companies and banks while at the same time the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Epp) is cutting back on the indexation of the family allowance.

The final petition I have is again from the Delta area. The Hon. Member who represents that area does not seem to receive too many petitions from constituents in his own riding. It concerns—

Mr. Speaker: Just present the petition, please, and no comment.

Mr. Fulton: The petitioners who have signed this petition are concerned about the deindexation of the family allowance.

[Translation]

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND CHILD TAX CREDIT

Mr. Guy St. Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty, as the Member for Abitibi, to table a petition requesting full indexing of family allowances and the child tax credit.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: I invite the entire Liberal caucus to resume their seats, please.

[Translation]

Mr. St. Julien: Mr. Speaker, that petition is signed by 80 Members and by Jeannine Barrette, President of the Cercle des fermières of St-Mathieu, Abitibi.

[English]

FULL INDEXATION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber-Port au Port-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour to follow a Conservative Member of Parliament who has backbone.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Tobin: Mr. Speaker, as per Your Honour's instructions, I wish to present a series of petitions which are all on the same subject. I will not bother to read each and every one. I wish to present a petition signed by people from the federal riding of Hull-Aylmer who protest the cut-backs and deindexing of the family allowance.

I wish to present a petition from the constituency of Saint John, New Brunswick. The residents who have signed the petition protest the cut-backs in family allowance payments.

As well, I present a petition from the residents of Laval. The people who have signed this petition protest the reductions and cut-backs in family allowance payments.

I wish to present a petition from residents of Richelieu who protest, as well, reductions in family allowance payments.

I wish to present a petition from residents of Verchères, who protest the vicious cut-backs in family allowance payments. I only used the adjective, Mr. Speaker.

I wish to present a petition from the residents of Saint-Jean who are protesting the brutal and vicious cut-backs with respect to family allowance payments.