

I have another petition which is very similar to the first ones. It is signed by 17 senior citizens who belong to Le Club d'âge d'or de St. Eugène in the federal riding of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, which is represented very ably by my colleague on my right. These petitioners are requesting that the Government ensure that Bill C-26 does not contain discriminatory provisions and that the provisions apply equally to all senior citizens.

I have another petition from Le Club d'âge d'or de Treadwell in the federal riding of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell. These petitioners are petitioning the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and the Conservative Government to ensure that Bill C-26 does not contain any discriminatory provisions with respect to senior citizens. Senior citizens have contributed immensely to the—

Mr. Speaker: I think the Hon. Member is about to veer away from a summary and into a speech on an important issue, but nevertheless a speech.

Mr. Nunziata: Mr. Speaker, I am glad you agree that it is an important issue. It is for that reason my colleagues and I have presented a number of petitions.

The final petition I wish to present today is signed by 36 residents who belong to Le Club D'Age D'Or de Wendover in the federal riding of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell. These 36 senior citizens are deeply distressed by the discriminatory provisions contained in Bill C-26, and they are asking the federal Government to ensure that those discriminatory provisions do not continue to exist in Bill C-26.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John McDermid (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, question No. 326 will be answered today.

[Text]

OFFICE OF MINISTER OF STATE (SMALL BUSINESSES)

Question No. 326—**Mr. Gagliano:**

Have any public servants been seconded to the office of the Minister of State (Small Businesses) and, if so, how many and, in each case, what is his/her salary?

Hon. André Bissonnette (Minister of State (Small Businesses)): As of April 15, 1985, one employee within the salary range \$42,789—\$48,076.

[Translation]

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

Mr. Speaker: The question enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary has been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Fisheries Act

[English]

Mr. Nunziata: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. A number of weeks ago I placed approximately 240 questions on the Order Paper concerning the "MacKay-Hatfield" affair. We on this side of the House have been patiently awaiting answers to those specific questions.

When might we be in receipt of answers to those very important questions on the Order Paper? If the Parliamentary Secretary intends to respond by saying "soon", I would ask him to define to the House what he means by "soon". I respectfully request that he indicate a specific period of time within which those answers might be forthcoming.

Mr. McDermid: Mr. Speaker, in reply to the Hon. Member's question, I spoke with the Solicitor General about that today and he informed me that those questions will be answered in the fullness of time.

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker, does the Parliamentary Secretary have any information regarding the questions which I placed on the Order Paper nearly two months ago, requesting that a full and detailed cost be provided to the House regarding the Quebec City Shamrock Summit, that expensive extravaganza? Those questions were put on April 1, 1985, and as yet no reply has been received from the Government. There are some 50 questions to which we deserve answers as the issue is a very important one. I trust the Parliamentary Secretary will be able to rise immediately and provide us with these answers.

Mr. McDermid: In the fullness of time.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

FISHERIES ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of Bill C-32, an Act to amend the Fisheries Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry, and Motion No. 1 (Mr. Skelly) (p. 4983).

Mr. Speaker: I suspect that someone will rise to ask me to see that it is four o'clock.

An Hon. Member: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SITTING SUSPENDED

Mr. Speaker: It being four o'clock, pursuant to Order made Monday, May 13, 1985, the sitting is suspended until 4.30 p.m. at which time, may I remind Hon. Members, the House