

they place an extra pressure on households that rely on retirement incomes. How, in the name of all honesty, can the minister justify allowing the oil industry to grab another 10 per cent in a price increase this Thursday, while saying to 50 per cent of those Canadians who rely on retirement incomes that their incomes will be restricted, in terms of cost of living increases, to 6 per cent and 5 per cent?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance):** Madam Speaker, I believe that the Prime Minister has already explained the nature of the agreement that exists affecting the energy industry. I do not think that I can add anything further to that aspect of the question.

I would tell the hon. member that, as far as recipients of old age security are concerned, where these recipients are in receipt of the guaranteed income supplement, that guaranteed income supplement will be fully indexed at whatever the rate of inflation happens to be. In addition to that, any amount that would be lost to them as a result of the reduction from 11 per cent to 6 per cent will be made up under the special compensation to recipients of the guaranteed income supplement so that no pensioner in need will be affected by this particular action of the government.

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY

##### REPORTED DEATH OF IGOR GOUZENKO

**Hon. Allan Lawrence (Durham-Northumberland):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. Could the Solicitor General confirm or deny the rumour that the gentleman known as Mr. Igor Gouzenko, to whom this country and the western world owe so very, very much, has died and is being buried here in Ottawa, today?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General):** Madam Speaker, I received numerous press inquiries before the question period on this subject. I have had inquiries made, and I hope to be able to have that information and make it public shortly, if, indeed, I can confirm or deny that rumour.

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#### PETITIONS

##### MR. SARGEANT—MAINTENANCE OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

**Madam Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the Table the two hundred and eighty-fourth report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petition presented by the hon. member for Selkirk-Interlake (Mr. Sargeant) on Monday, June 28, 1982, and finds that the petition meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

#### Petitions

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

#### REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

##### PRESENTATION OF THIRTEENTH REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the thirteenth report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments, in both official languages.

[Editor's Note: For above report see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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#### PETITIONS

##### MR. McDERMID—CHEAPER POSTAGE RATES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

**Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown):** Madam Speaker, it is my duty to present a petition signed by 5,159 citizens of Brampton-Georgetown and surrounding districts in Ontario. The purpose of this petition is to urge the government to offer some relief from the increased burden of postage rates to senior citizens of Canada, co-ordinated by Mrs. Sybil Watts of Brampton who has been the driving force behind this petition; it requests the House to look into the possibility of offering cheaper postal rates to seniors whose active and essential correspondence has been so severely curtailed because of the increase of postage rates to 30 cents a letter.

The petitioners hope that in your examination of the petition you will find the petition in order, and that you will exercise the powers vested in the office of the Speaker of the House to refer the matter to the appropriate body for consideration at the earliest possible time in order that this serious burden to many seniors can be alleviated.

##### MR. OGLE—WORLD INVOLVEMENT IN NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS

**Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East):** Madam Speaker, I have a petition to the honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of the city of Saskatoon in the province of Saskatchewan, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your Honourable House will therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth: That the world involvement in nuclear armaments will lead to the probable destruction of the human race; wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Members of Parliament to express their fears and concerns for the future of all mankind. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!