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I have another petition from Edmonton, Alberta. Again it includes several dozen signatures of former service people and their supporters who call upon the Government to revoke changes to the unemployment insurance regulations and Section 57 and Section 58, which pertain to the inclusion of pension income as earnings. There are several hundred signatores to that petition.

I have several more on that issue, but I will hold them for another day. I do, however, have a series of petitions on another issue which this Government has not dealt with.

REINSTATEMENT OF QUOTAS ON FOOTWEAR IMPORTS

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): These petitions, Mr. Speaker, deal with the Canadian footwear industry. Unfortunately not all the petitions have been accepted because the grandfathering clause has not yet been approved. If it has been, I hope I will hear about it because I have several thousand more signatures on petitions which have been ruled out of order. The petitioners humbly declare that the Canadian footwear industry is responsible for 20,000 jobs with an estimated production value of \$830 million per year. The industry has made serious efforts to improve its efficiency and productivity. The petitioners humbly pray and call upon the House of Commons to ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and the Minister of International Trade (Mr. Kelleher) to reinstate quotas on all footwear imports for the next five years, thereby protecting existing jobs and allowing for the creation of new jobs in the industry. This particular petition is signed by several hundred employees and their supporters in the Canadian footwear industry.

I will refrain from presenting these other petitions until-

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member knows that she simply has to indicate that she has them, and then file them. It has exactly the same effect.

REINSTATEMENT OF KATIMAVIK PROGRAM

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions dealing with the lack of concern shown for youth across the country. These petitions are signed by high school students from the City of Prince Albert. They wish the Government to reinstate the Katimavik program as quickly as possible.

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, in spite of the futility of it, young people all across the country continue to protest the cancellation of Katimavik, which is a symbol of the absence of a suitable policy towards young people. I table the petition with 150 signatures from Windsor and British Columbia.

Mr. Gauthier: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps some Members missed it, but I think on April 22 you ruled that certain petitions would be acceptable if the Hon. Member tabled it with the Clerk of the House. I understand that if they

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refer back to *Hansard* of that day they can find out exactly what the conditions were.

Mr. Speaker: There was a request that the Chair do it by unanimous consent. The Chair was in some difficulty and asked that there be a House Order, which I think we have dealt with. Hon. Members may want to refer to *Hansard* of—

Mr. Gauthier: April 22.

Mr. Speaker: I believe the House Order was last week, though.

OUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall all questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I should advise the House that because of the ministerial statement, Government Orders will be extended by six minutes beginning at one o'clock today.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL FISCAL ARRANGEMENTS AND FEDERAL POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS ACT, 1977

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed from Friday, April 25, consideration of the motion of Mr. Wilson that Bill C-96, an Act to amend the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Federal Post-Secondary Education and Health Contributions Act, 1977, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

Hon. William Rompkey (Grand Falls—White Bay— Labrador): Mr. Speaker, you began the day by correcting some errors. I have to correct a very serious error I made on Friday. It is on page 12669 of *Hansard*. I referred to a table and I was quoting the reductions in EPF funding from what the provinces had anticipated. I quoted from that table and I quoted my own province of Newfoundland when I said that in 1986-87 there would be a net reduction from what they had anticipated in Newfoundland of \$7 million. Then I quoted over a five-year period an amount of \$48 million. That was grossly underestimated because the total amount that Newfoundland will receive less than they had anticipated in EPF will, in fact, be \$132 million. Over a five-year period Newfoundland will not get \$132 million from the Government of Canada that it