

[English]

**COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY PERMANENT
ENGINEERING BOARD**

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. John McDermid (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 67(2), I would like to table in both official languages the annual report of the Columbia River Treaty Permanent Engineering Board to the Governments of the United States and Canada for the period October 1, 1984, to September 30, 1985.

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INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

PRESENTATION OF FIFTH REPORT OF THE CANADIAN NATO
PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

Mr. David Daubney (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 101, I have the honour to present to the House the fifth report, in both official languages, of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association.

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PETITIONS

CONTINUED OPERATION OF MORGENTALER CLINIC IN
TORONTO

Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane—Superior): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition, which has been duly examined according to the Standing Orders, from two communities in the region of northern Ontario, Moonbeam and Terrace Bay. The petition concerns the continuing operation of the Morgentaler clinic in Toronto in clear violation of Section 251 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

CHANGES TO CANADIAN ARMED FORCES SUPERANNUATION
ACT—CONSULTATION

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, I have several petitions to present. The first petition is addressed to the Honourable House of Commons of Canada. Whereas any amendment of the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act to remove the indexation of annuities will adversely affect former members of the Canadian Armed Forces, widows and dependents, the petitioners are calling upon the Government to make no changes to the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act without first consulting with recipients and those contributing to the fund. That petition is from a number of residents of Victoria, British Columbia.

I have another petition signed by several hundred superannuates again from Victoria, British Columbia. The petition calls upon the Government to revoke recent changes to the

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unemployment insurance regulations which have placed Canadians who take early retirement in a difficult financial situation; whereas these changes have also adversely affected Canadian Armed Forces ex-personnel, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and other police forces, fire-fighters and other men and women who are forced in mid-life to seek new employment, the petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to immediately revoke changes to the unemployment insurance regulations Sections 57 and 58 which pertain to the inclusion of pension income as earnings. That is also signed by several hundred residents of Victoria, British Columbia.

I have a third petition to present, also signed by several dozen residents of British Columbia, which calls upon the Government, considering the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act amendment removing indexation of annuities would adversely affect former members of the armed forces, widows, and dependents, and whereas the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act administers a fund in excess of \$13 billion which is the deferred income of armed forces personnel, wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to make no changes to the superannuation Act without first consulting fully with annuity recipients.

I have another petition which is signed by—

Mr. Jourdenais: Nobody.

Ms. Copps: Nobody? No, believe me, it is signed by many prospective, former and future voters. Believe me, there are many signatures.

I have another petition, also from Victoria, British Columbia—

Mrs. Maily: If it's former voters, they must have died.

Ms. Copps: I understand the government Members' private joke about it, even though publicly government Members sing another tune.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Could I please ask the Hon. Member to summarize briefly the petitions which are on the same subject?

Mrs. Maily: Get to the point.

Ms. Copps: Yes, the point is that any amendment of the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act to remove the indexation of annuities would adversely affect former members, widows and dependents, and the petitioners are calling upon the Government, as is their ancient right, to make no changes to the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act without first consulting fully with annuity recipients and those presently contributing to the fund.

I have another petition, signed by several hundred if not 1,000 constituents from New Brunswick, primarily Oromocto, Lincoln and Fredericton, which humbly sheweth, as is the