

### Order Paper Questions

That the committee be composed of: Messrs. Boudria, Charest, Cooper, Gauthier, Hawkes, Layton and Murphy.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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### PETITIONS

#### RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition now that the House of Commons is sitting. It has been duly certified by the Clerk of Petitions.

In their petition Canadians have expressed concern with the high unemployment rate in Canada expressing the fact that it is one of the highest unemployment rates of the western industrialized nations and, whereas, unemployment continues to be higher than it was for all but two years between 1946 and 1981 and whereas all Canadians should have the right to meaningful employment, the undersigned, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to establish full employment as its first priority.

#### OBSERVANCE OF SABBATH

**Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean):** Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to present a petition on behalf of constituents in my riding of the City of Nepean. This has been approved pursuant to Standing Order 136.

Whereas it is the desire of Christians throughout the world to safeguard the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath, the Lord's Day, and whereas we sincerely believe the only way to achieve the above objective is through uniform legislation at the national level of all Christian countries and whereas as Christians are tolerant and respectful of the legitimate wishes of other faiths, Jewish, Muslim and Hindu to observe the Sabbath, therefore, the undersigned, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to consider our concerns regarding the above proposed and hopefully pass Sabbath observance legislation that is fair and just for everyone.

**Mr. Speaker:** I thank the Hon. Member. Further petitions?

#### PROCLAMATION OF NON-SMOKER'S HEALTH ACT

**Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition from a number of residents of Canada concerning the Non-Smokers Health Bill and the fact that the Government has not proclaimed this Act. The petitioners state that whereas environmental tobacco smoke is injurious to the health of Canadians working in a smoking environment and to Canadians travelling in smoke contaminated common carriers, and whereas in recognition of this Parliament which passed a Non-Smokers Health Act in June, 1988 which provided protection from environmental tobacco smoke to federally regulated workers and travellers, and whereas the Government of Canada has failed to proclaim and enforce this Act, therefore, the undersigned petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to request the Government of Canada to proclaim and enforce the Non-Smokers Health Act.

#### VIA RAIL SERVICE

**Mr. Rod Laporte (Moose Jaw—Lake Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour today to present a petition on behalf of a number of Canadians pursuant to Standing Order 36, which petition has been approved by the Clerk of Petitions.

This is a petition concerning Via Rail. Whereas rail transportation can be an effective and efficient means of public transportation and, whereas passenger rail service has played an important role in the establishment of Canada and the development of a Canadian identity, and whereas subsidies required by rail transit are not out of proportionate to subsidies required for road or air transit and wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to encourage and assist Via Rail to expand its operations and become a more efficient and widely used form of public transportation.

[Translation]

#### REQUEST THAT NUCLEAR SUBMARINE FUNDS GO TO MEDICAL RESEARCH

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Laurier—Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, I have petitions to present on behalf of constituents of Hochelaga—Maisonnette, the South Shore, Bourassa, Laval, Longueuil and Montreal West. All those people are asking the Conservative Government to renounce its commitment to build nuclear-powered submarines and to spend that money instead on health, to help solve problems at the hospital level, as well as on research on AIDS, cancer and other illnesses.