

Petitions

London is important to their community. We hope the Government decides to change its mind.

VIA RAIL SERVICE

Mr. Lyle Kristiansen (Kootenay West—Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I am pleased to present a petition with some six pages of signatures of residents of Terrace, British Columbia in the northwest, the City of Revelstoke in my constituency of Kootenay West—Revelstoke.

The petitioners point out that the Conservative Party, prior to the election, promised that federal transportation spending priority should be reorganized to put a greater emphasis on rail passenger services. They further point out the alternating positions of the Liberal Party which, when it was in power, also took steps to cut VIA Rail's budget. The signatories call upon the Government to live up to its original pledge to support VIA Rail and to abandon plans for further cuts to the budget and provide the necessary resources to allow VIA to operate as a modern, effective transportation company.

As one who has personally used VIA Rail some 16 times as a paying customer with my family over the previous two years, I heartily endorse the feelings of the signatories to this petition.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FUNDING

Mr. Ray Funk (Prince Albert—Churchill River): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition duly certified from residents of my constituency, from the community of La Ronge and surrounding area, calling on the Government to recognize that post-secondary education is something that is theirs by treaty right. They call on the Government to honour and respect the treaties and guarantee a free and unrestricted education for all treaty status Indian people.

PROPOSED NATIONAL SALES TAX—MUSIC LESSONS
EXEMPTION

Mr. Ray Funk (Prince Albert—Churchill River): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from people of the communities of Prince Albert, Shellbrook, Stump Lake, Parkside and other communities in my constituency who, like other petitioners, believe the proposed sales tax on music lessons and other artistic lessons will jeopardize the development of Canadian talent. They call on the Government to consider music studies an educational

process and therefore exempt music lessons from the proposed sales tax.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty and honour to rise under the provisions of Standing Order 36 to present to the House a petition signed by members of the Trinity United Church in the community of Vernon, British Columbia. The citizens have been outraged at the recent massacre of innocent and defenceless students and bystanders in the City of Beijing, and horrified that the Chinese Government has deliberately fabricated falsehoods to distort the truth and deflect criticism. They call upon the Government to immediately recall the Ambassador, to break diplomatic relations with the Chinese Government, to discontinue all economic ties, and to offer assistance to Chinese people, in particular students presently in Canada, so that they may not be forced to return to face any danger in China.

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CALL FOR WHEAT BOARD ACT TO INCLUDE OATS AND
BARLEY

Mr. Vic Althouse (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have petitions on two separate items to present to the House today. They were duly certified yesterday and this may be my last opportunity to present them. The first is from people in the northeast of my constituency. They call upon the Government to place oats and barley under the Wheat Board Act in such a way that in the future farm organizations and Parliament must be consulted before changes are made in the marketing of these products.

CALL FOR VIA RAIL TO CONTINUE AS EFFECTIVE
TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

Mr. Vic Althouse (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, the second petition I have calls on the Government to live up to its original pledge to support VIA Rail. The petitioners therefore call upon the Government to abandon its current plans for further cuts to VIA's budget and to provide the necessary resources to allow VIA to operate as a modern, effective transportation company.

OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION OFF
CANADIAN PACIFIC COAST

Mr. David D. Stupich (Nanaimo—Cowichan): Mr. Speaker, I have the responsibility and duty to present two petitions from two separate organizations, but both on the same subject. They have both been certified