

The petition humbly sheweth that:

Whereas western Canadian farmers paid \$131 million to move export grain under the Crow freight rate in the 1981-82 crop year.

That this contributed \$6.3 to the balance of trade of Canada.

Whereas the undersigned believe that this is a fair contribution to the Canadian economy.

And whereas western farmers will pay one times Crow.

Wherefore the undersigned humbly call upon Parliament to maintain the present grain Crow rate.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

• (1520)

[English]

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Madam Speaker, I have the honour of presenting a petition from the residents of Asquith, Saskatchewan, named, of course, after the late Liberal Prime Minister who did not believe in pushing things down people's throats.

The petitioners say that western Canadian farmers paid \$131 million to move export grain under the Crow freight rate in the 1981-82 crop year; that the grain in turn contributed \$6.3 billion to the balance of trade; that the undersigned believe that this is the farmers' fair contribution to the Canadian economy; and that the western farmers will pay one times the Crow rate, that is, no change. Wherefore these petitioners, all 36 of them, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to maintain the present statutory grain rate, that is, the Crow rate, and they are duty bound in petitioning this House.

Mr. Laverne Lewycky (Dauphin-Swan River): Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to present a petition mostly on behalf of constituents in the Swan River area of my riding who now exercise their right to present a grievance and humbly sheweth that the removal of the Crow rate will see its replacement by rates that will impose higher freight costs of five times the present Crow rate and higher by 1990; that such increases are being imposed at a time when prices for producers' grain are now at the 1974 level; and that detailed calculations show that a rate of 5.1 times the Crow rate will cost the community of Swan River some \$1,187,000 in payments for grain freight that would have otherwise stayed in that community based on the deliveries that were actually made in the 1980-81 crop year. Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to maintain the Crow rate in perpetuity as presently guaranteed by statute.

Government Notices of Motions

SALARIES ACT

AMENDMENT TO INCREASE SALARIES OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

Hon. Jim Fleming (for the Prime Minister) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-160, an Act to amend the Salaries Act.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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PARTICIPATION OF VISIBLE MINORITIES IN CANADIAN SOCIETY

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY TASK FORCE

On the order: Government Notices of Motions:

May 24, 1983—The Minister of State (Multiculturalism):

That a Special Committee consisting of seven Members to be named later to act as a Parliamentary Task Force on Participation of Visible Minorities in Canadian Society, be appointed to examine the subject-matter described by its title, and in particular:

- (1) to seek positive and constructive ideas and models pertaining explicitly to ameliorating relations within Canada between visible minority and other Canadians;
- (2) to identify and investigate positive examples and models of the promotion of harmonious relations between visible minority Canadians and other Canadians, particularly in institutional areas, and find ways and means of improving those relations;
- (3) to seek the views that contribute constructively and positively to the promotion of racial tolerance, understanding and harmony of concerned voluntary, community and minority groups and organizations and individuals, as well as business, professional and trade associations, labour unions, public and private institutions and relevant specialists;
- (4) within a general review to consider Federal Government policies and programs in the area of race relations;
- (5) to recommend the development of positive programs that the Committee finds necessary to promote racial understanding, tolerance and harmony in Canadian society; and
- (6) to encourage the continuation of the dialogue that will be initiated, in a climate that is open and constructive.

That the committee report no later than six months after its membership is named;

That the committee have all of the powers provided to standing committees pursuant to Standing Order 69(8);

That the committee have the power to retain expert, professional, technical and clerical staff;

That the committee be empowered to adjourn from place to place within Canada; and

That the provisions of sections (4) and (9) of Standing Order 69 of the House of Commons should be suspended, unless otherwise agreed to by this committee.

Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section (2) of Standing Order 25, this notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under Government Orders later this day or at the next sitting of the House.