

Order Paper Questions

Veregin, Saskatchewan, Pelly, Saskatchewan, Moose Lake, Cormorant, Pukatawagan, Grand Rapids, Dauphin, Garland and Winnipeg. There are no signatures from Borneo.

The people from all those different communities who have signed this petition call upon the federal Government to develop the obvious potential of Canada's only inland seaport. They call upon the House of Commons to direct the Minister responsible for the Wheat Board to ensure that, at the very least, 3 per cent of Canada's annual grain shipments be shipped through the Port of Churchill and that the Government aggressively pursue additional ways to utilize this important seaport to ship exports other than grain.

CALL FOR REVISION OF EXTRADITION LAWS

Mr. Chuck Cook (North Vancouver): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present petitions which have been certified by the Clerk pursuant to Standing Order 36. This petition, which contains 1,150 signatures, calls upon the Government of Canada to revise the extradition laws which would allow the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lewis) to order the extradition of fugitives either immediately or after they have been dealt with fully by the Canadian penal system. It is another group of hundreds of thousands of petitions on this subject that will be presented in the House in the course of the next month.

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy—Royal): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36, which has been certified by the Clerk. This petition is in addition to those that have been submitted by my colleague, the Member for Vancouver North (Mr. Cook).

My petition also contains 1,150 signatures and calls upon the Government to revise the extradition laws, which would then allow the Minister of Justice to order the extradition of fugitives immediately or after they have been dealt with fully by the Canadian penal system.

These petitioners urge the Government to recognize that Canada cannot be considered a safe haven for murderers of citizens in other jurisdictions who seek refuge in this country from their own laws.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall all questions stand?

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Today is the deadline for the Government to answer these questions for which we have requested a 45-day response.

We introduced a number of questions in the House on April 3. There are a fair number of questions standing in the name of a number of New Democrats and a couple of Liberals. There is a requirement, as part of the process of parliamentary reform, that the Government respond to these questions within 45 days. It has not done so.

The whole idea of parliamentary reform is that Members could insist upon getting answers to various specific questions. The first day that the House sat, after not sitting for four full months, we put down a number of questions that are very important to our Members and to Canadians right across the country. Here we are, 45 days later, and the Parliamentary Secretary has the nerve to get up and not answer any of those questions.

I say to you, Mr. Speaker, that we have given enough notice. I have risen a number of times when the Parliamentary Secretary has risen and said that we want answers to these questions.

The Parliamentary Secretary is one of those people who was instrumental in working for parliamentary reform. Even with all the talk of government cut-backs, it has enough people in its various Departments to answer specific questions.

Question No. 1 by the Member for Mackenzie (Mr. Althouse) deals with western diversification projects in the Province of Saskatchewan. That is something on which the Government should be able to provide infor-