

MR. NYSTROM—CANADIAN MERCHANT MARINE

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition concerning the merchant marine, signed by 42 Quebecers from a number of large and small centres in Quebec, and also one Leslie Benjamin of Somerset Street here in the city of Ottawa.

**An Hon. Member: Who?**

**Mr. Nystrom:** Regina, sorry.

[*Translation*]

It is a petition by the Seafarers' International Union of Canada to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled.

The petition of the undersigned citizens of Canada who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a common grievance, in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that Canadians have been deprived of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in industrial spin-offs because we have no industrial maritime strategy and the federal Government has neglected to provide Canada with a consistent maritime policy, although more than two years ago it promised to announce such a policy, and that the Government's action is endangering Canada's economic growth. Therefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray that the Government be asked to adopt forth with a consistent and effective maritime policy, resulting in the creation of a Canadian merchant marine and expansion of Canadian industry and the shipping industry and related sectors. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

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[*English*]

CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

**Mr. Alex Patterson (Fraser Valley East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The undersigned citizens of the Dominion of Canada, British Columbia especially, now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to your petitioners, in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy. They humbly sheweth that there exists a crisis of confidence in Canada. This should be remedied as quickly as possible, which can best be achieved by calling a general federal election immediately. Therefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take whatever action is necessary to restore confidence in the Government of Canada. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

**Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca):** Mr. Speaker, I have the duty to present a petition to the honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The undersigned citizens of the Dominion of Canada now avail them-

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selves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to your petitioners, in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefor provide a remedy. Whereas there exists a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada and this must be remedied as quickly as possible, which might best be done by calling a general federal election immediately, therefore, we the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take whatever action may be necessary to restore confidence in the Government of Canada and, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray. It is dated this 27th day of October in the year of Our Lord 1983.

**Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown):** Mr. Speaker, I know that the people who are represented by the Hon. Member for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke (Mr. Hopkins) will be interested in this petition because it is signed by a number of people from Pembroke and Petawawa in the Ottawa Valley. That is an area with which you and I are so familiar, Mr. Speaker. The petition is to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned citizens of the Dominion of Canada, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to your petitioners, in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefor provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that there exists a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada, that there is no doubt that this must be remedied as quickly as possible, and that this might best be done by calling a general federal election immediately. Therefore, we the undersigned your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take whatever action may be necessary to restore confidence in the Government of Canada and, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray. That petition is dated October 27, 1983.

MR. DE JONG—RETENTION OF CROWNSNEST PASS RATES

**Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, I too rise to present to the House a petition which I think the Hon. Member for Swift Current-Maple Creek (Mr. Hamilton) should be interested in since many of the petitioners are from the riding of Swift Current-Maple Creek. The petition is to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of the Province of Saskatchewan, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners, in the certain assurance that your Honourable House will therefor provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that the undersigned have carefully considered the alternative plan presented by the New Democratic Party that the Crow rate must be maintained and that the railways of Canada must be upgraded and developed to provide a modern and efficient transportation system. Whereas the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to adopt the provisions of the New Democratic Party alternative plan which will not change the Crownsnest Pass freight rate. And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.