

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** There is a strong urge to hear from the Hon. Member for Regina East.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

MR. DE JONG—RETENTION OF CROWNEST PASS RATES

**Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my appreciation to all Hon. Members who want to hear me present a petition to you this afternoon, a petition mainly from citizens in and around Ottawa, Ontario. They express their concern about the proposed legislation that is before us. The petitioners have signed this petition to the honourable House of Commons in Parliament assembled. The undersigned residents of Canada now exercise their right to present a grievance that western Canadian farmers paid \$131 million to move export grain under the Crow freight rate in the 1981-1982 crop year. This grain, in turn, contributed \$6.3 billion to the balance of trade. I point out that these are people from Ontario who are not directly involved in farming but they appreciate the situation, and the undersigned believe that this is the farmers' fair contribution to the economy and that the western farmers are willing to pay one times Crow and no change. Wherefore, the undersigned, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to maintain the present statutory grain rate. And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray. I am presenting this petition to you and to the House of Commons from Canadian citizens, mainly from Ontario.

CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

**Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from 207 citizens of the Dominion of Canada, citizens who are residents of Brentwood, Inuvik, Sidney, Sooke and Victoria, 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; and humbly sheweth that having due regard to the serious economic dilemma which faces Canada today, including widespread unemployment, business bankruptcies and personal hardship affecting millions of Canadians, and whereas the Liberal Government has shown little competence in reversing this disastrous crisis, the undersigned petitioners have lost confidence in the Government of Canada and thereby insist that Parliament be dissolved and that a federal general election be called immediately, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Translation]

**Hon. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and the duty to present to the honourable House of Commons in Parliament assembled today.

The petition of the undersigned citizens of Canada who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain

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assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy.

Whereas there exists in Canada a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada,

Whereas this must be remedied as soon as possible,

Whereas this might best be done by the calling of a general federal election immediately,

Therefore, we the undersigned your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take whatever action is necessary to restore confidence in the Government of Canada,

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray that this happens as soon as possible.

● (1630)

[English]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** The Hon. Member for Assiniboia (Mr. Gustafson), the Hon. Member for The Battlefords-Meadow Lake (Mr. Anguish), and the Hon. Member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington), in that order.

**Mr. Len Gustafson (Assiniboia):** Mr. Speaker, I have a very serious petition to present to the honourable House of Commons 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 the 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 this must be remedied as quickly as possible, and that this might be best done by calling a general election immediately.

Wherefore, 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.

MR. ANGUISH—INVASION OF GRENADA BY U.S. FORCES

**Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake):** Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of being in Guelph, Ontario last night prior to the visit of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) there today. I was presented with a petition signed by those in attendance last night and was asked to bring it before Parliament.

The petitioners, as residents of Canada and as members of the British Commonwealth, request that the Prime Minister of Canada express outrage to the President of the United States of America at the invasion by American armed forces of Grenada, another member of the Commonwealth. The petitioners believe that no country in the Americas is safe from interference in its sovereign affairs if the United States deems it vital to American foreign interests. The petitioners appeal to Parliament on behalf of all humankind who fear that such irrational action by a nation as powerful as the United States