

Petitions

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FERMI II NUCLEAR REACTOR—REVIEW PROCESS

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions to present, the first of which is the first in a large number of petitions. In this case it is signed by 258 people from my constituency who are protesting the Fermi II nuclear reactor which is just 10 miles from their border and has an abysmal safety record.

They demand that the Government interact with the U.S. Government in order to establish a fair and safe review process which will include Canadians and operate independently before Fermi II is allowed to operate at full capacity.

OPPOSITION TO BILL C-55

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, the second petition is in reference to Bill C-55 and is signed by residents of Vancouver.

It objects to many of the principles within the existing Bill and calls upon the Government to withdraw Bill C-55 and to substitute therefor legislation which would see to it that fair and quick oral hearings of claims are available for all potential refugees.

REQUEST FOR MORATORIUM ON AUTOMATION OF Lighthouses—WEST COAST

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present a petition from residents of Sointula, British Columbia who indicate a serious concern about the bias and inaccurate reporting produced by the Leblond Commission into the automation of West Coast lighthouse stations.

They request a moratorium on any action by the Coast Guard to proceed with automation. They also request the appointment of a truly independent commission of inquiry with terms of reference drawn by user groups in consultation with the Government of Canada.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR FISHERMEN

Hon. William Rompkey (Grand Falls—White Bay—Labrador): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition which I want to present on behalf of several hundred people on the northern peninsula of Newfoundland in the area of St. Anthony.

Because of the repeated failure of the inshore fishery over the past five years, they call upon the Government and Parliament to support an amendment to the Unemployment Insurance Act whereby their best 10 weeks of benefits can be counted, rather than their last 10 weeks, for the purposes of unemployment insurance.

CANADA-FRANCE FISHING AGREEMENT

Hon. William Rompkey (Grand Falls—White Bay—Labrador): Mr. Speaker, ironically enough, I have a further petition from hundreds of people from all over the riding of

Grand Falls—White Bay—Labrador, calling upon the Government to cancel immediately the present agreement with France which will see the disposition of fish off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador.

They also call upon the Government to find immediately other means to come to an agreement with the French other than the giveaway of fish which are so important to these people.

CANADA POST—OPPOSITION TO CORPORATE PLAN

Hon. William Rompkey (Grand Falls—White Bay—Labrador): Mr. Speaker, I have a further petition from residents of Grand Falls—White Bay—Labrador, calling upon the Parliament and Government of Canada to reject the corporate plan proposed by Canada Post Corporation, and to instruct that corporation to proceed with mail delivery to all Canadian taxpayers without discrimination and to concentrate its efforts on improving service.

OPPOSITION TO BILL C-55

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and, indeed, it is an honour to rise pursuant to Standing Order 106 to present a petition on behalf of a number of residents of British Columbia who are asking the Government to allow all legitimate refugees to find asylum in our democratic country of Canada.

After a number of “whereases” in the petition, which I will not take up the time of the House by reading—Your Honour can look at them later—they ask Canada to allow all legitimate refugees from Chile and other hostile countries to gain asylum here.

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, I have the pleasure and duty to present petitions concerning two very important issues. The first one concerns the refugee system and Bill C-55.

I have petitions signed from residents of Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, Vancouver, and the City of Mississauga, concerning the prescreening stage, the implementation of a safe third country concept, and a weak appeal mechanism to the Federal Court with leave on only points of law.

The petitioners ask the Government to amend or eliminate the conditions of its refugee legislation and to eliminate the three elements of prescreening, safe third country, and the Federal Court appeal. They ask for a refugee determination system which is fair, accessible, and expedient.

CONSTITUTIONAL ACCORD—RECOGNITION OF MULTICULTURALISM

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, the second set of petitions is from residents of St. John's, Newfoundland; the City of Sudbury in northern Ontario; the suburbs of Don Mills and the City of Scarborough in the Metropolitan Toronto region.