

Petitions

MR. ANGUISH—CALL FOR PASSAGE OF BILL C-203

Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions I would like to present this afternoon, each of which supports the debate and passage of the Private Member's Bill standing in my name which comes up for debate in this House later this day. The petitioners, Mr. Speaker, believe that the testing of the Cruise missile in Canada escalates the nuclear arms race and is, therefore, a serious threat to the peace of the world. They stress that multilateral nuclear disarmament must occur in order to secure peace in the world and that Canada, as a traditionally peaceful nation, can and must play a crucial role in achieving multilateral disarmament.

The petitioners call upon Parliament to debate and pass my Private Member's Bill which could therefore allow Canada to act as a serious mediator in world-wide disarmament processes and engage in talks, along with other countries which would wish to participate in such a forum.

The first petition is signed by 150 residents of the Province of Ontario. A majority of the signatures on this petition were gathered by the members of the Parliament Hill peace camp.

The second petition, Mr. Speaker, contains signatures from the City of Thunder Bay, Ontario, and were sent to me by concerned citizens from that area.

The third petition, Mr. Speaker, is signed by residents of the Province of Alberta from such centres as Drayton Valley, Redwater, Lethbridge, Vauxhall and Calgary.

The fourth petition is signed by 156 residents of Canada. The names on this petition represent every area of this country from the Northwest Territories through British Columbia and across to Newfoundland.

The fifth petition, Mr. Speaker, is signed by residents of Sussex, New Brunswick.

The sixth petition was presented to me by the board of directors of the Toronto branch of the World Federalists of Canada. The petition was passed around during a board meeting and is signed by the board members present at that meeting.

The seventh petition, Mr. Speaker, contains 296 signatures, primarily from the Salmon Arm area of British Columbia. They were collected and sent to me by the Shuswap Nuclear Study Action Group.

Also from British Columbia, Mr. Speaker, the eighth petition was collected and sent to me by the Denman Island Peace Group, from Denman Island, British Columbia, who have written to me to say they believe Canada must make a clear statement to the world in regard to the presence of nuclear weapons and, therefore, are in full support of my Private Member's Bill.

The ninth petition comes from the residents of a small community in my own riding. This is from the community of Meota, Saskatchewan.

The tenth petition which I have this afternoon, Mr. Speaker, was collected in Maidstone, Saskatchewan. The petitioners are

all members of the congregation of the Maidstone United Church.

The eleventh petition is also signed by members of a United Church congregation. This time, Mr. Speaker, the petitioners are from St. David's United Church in the City of Calgary, Alberta.

Finally, the twelfth petition is signed by residents from all across Canada. There are names on this petition from Thunder Bay, Ontario; Victoria, British Columbia; Winnipeg, Manitoba; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Perth, Ontario; Regina, Saskatchewan; Merrickville, Ontario; and Calgary, Alberta. Each name on these petitions was individually collected by many hard-working and dedicated persons who are concerned about the situation of nuclear arms throughout the world.

With these petitions, Mr. Speaker, I have now presented, with your kind indulgence, a total of 4,806 signatures supporting the passage of my Private Member's Bill which will start to be debated at five o'clock this afternoon.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP OF STRIKING COMMITTEE

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I believe you will find that there has been consultation with regard to the composition of the Striking Committee and changes thereto. As a result, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for London-Middlesex (Mr. Bloomfield):

That the names of Messrs. Dick and Cook be substituted for those of Messrs. Nielsen and Kemping on the Striking Committee.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the Parliamentary Secretary to move this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 83, 92, 115 and 263.