

Petitions

exercise their right to present a grievance, humbly sheweth that whereas the Government of the United States continues to support financially the daily murders and repression in El Salvador, therefore we the undersigned, your petitioners, call upon the Government of Canada to demand in the strongest possible terms that the United States cease its interference in the affairs of El Salvador. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. DE JONG—STUDENT LOANS

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition I wish to introduce in the House. It is addressed to the honourable House of Commons in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, who now exercise their right to present a grievance, humbly sheweth that under the present regulations people graduating from post-secondary educational institutions and who have taken out Canada student loans are required to begin paying back those loans within six months of leaving the full-time studies.

• (1450)

I wish to withdraw this petition, Mr. Speaker. I believe I have already introduced it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: That seems a reasonable ground. Is there unanimous consent for the Hon. Member to withdraw his petition?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Petition withdrawn.

MR. DE JONG—HOME OWNERSHIP STIMULATION PLAN

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I have another petition.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Has the Hon. Member checked that this petition has not already been introduced?

Mr. de Jong: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I apologize, and I will take special care to make certain that I do not duplicate my petitions to you this afternoon.

This petition is addressed to the honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The Government of Canada in its budget of April 19, 1983 made a commitment to extend funding for the Canadian Home Ownership Stimulation Plan until May 1, 1983. An increase in activity in the housing construction industry is of great importance to economic recovery in Canada and in particular to British Columbia.

We, the undersigned petitioners, call upon the Government of Canada to consider further extensions to this program. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. DE JONG—U.S. INTERFERENCE IN NICARAGUA

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition I wish to introduce. It is addressed to the honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, mainly living in the City of Ottawa, who now exercise their right to present a grievance, humbly sheweth that the Government of the United States has cut back drastically on imports from, has refused foreign aid loans to, and has continued to financially support and anti-Government guerilla army in Nicaragua.

Wherefore the undersigned petitioners call upon the Government of Canada to demand in the strongest possible terms that the United States cease its campaign to undermine the Government and the economy of Nicaragua. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. DE JONG—JOB-CREATION PROGRAM WAGES

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to introduce another petition. This petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, who now exercise the right to present a grievance, humbly sheweth that whereas wage restrictions in the various government job-creation programs have not increased in relation to the increasing cost of living, and whereas these wages are far too low to support even a small family in any reasonable manner, we the undersigned petitioners call upon the Government of Canada to increase the wage allowance that is paid to workers on job-creation programs in order to reflect the increased cost of living. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

This is like signing my Christmas cards, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member will confine himself to reading petitions.

MR. DE JONG—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, a petition signed by the residents of the Province of Saskatchewan, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to prevent a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that the undersigned have carefully considered the alternate plan presented by the New Democratic Party and that the Crow rate must be maintained and that the railways of all Canada must be upgraded and developed into a most modern and efficient transportation system serving everybody.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to adopt the provisions of the New Democratic Party alternate plan which will not change the Crowsnest Pass Freight Rate Agreement. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.