

Petitions

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Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House a petition from the residents of Langham, Saskatchewan. The petition is addressed to the Honourable the 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 western Canadian farmers paid \$131 million to move export grain under the Crow rate in the 1981-1982 crop year. This grain, in turn, contributed \$6.3 billion to the balance of trade. The undersigned believe that this is the farmer's contribution to the Canadian economy and that western farmers will pay one times Crow, that is, no change.

Wherefore the undersigned petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to maintain the present statutory grain, this is the Crow, rate. This petition is signed by some 36 petitioners from Saskatchewan.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Madam Speaker, I have a petition signed by residents of Saskatchewan expressing their concern with the Government's intention to change the Crow rate. In their petition these western Canadian farmers who paid \$131 million to move export grain under the Crow freight rate in the 1981-1982 crop year claim they have contributed over \$6.3 billion to this nation's balance of trade. The undersigned believe that this is the farmers' fair contribution to the Canadian economy and that western farmers will pay one times Crow, which is no change.

Wherefore the undersigned petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to maintain the present statutory grain or Crow rate and, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

MOTION TO PROCEED TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin):

That the House do now proceed to Orders of the Day.

Madam Speaker: That motion, of course, is in order, pursuant to Standing Order 50. All those in favour of the motion please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Madam Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Madam Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Madam Speaker: Call in the Members.

[And the division bells having stopped at 6 p.m.]

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: The bells are ringing to call in the Members for a vote on a motion that the House now proceed to Orders of the Day.

It being six o'clock, and since the House would normally stand adjourned at this time, the motion has therefore lapsed. Consequently, in terms of Standing Order 8(1), I do now leave the chair, pursuant to Standing Order 2(1), until two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

At 6.02 p.m. the House adjourned without question put pursuant to Standing Order.