

Petitions

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Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 17 residents of the cities and towns of Toronto, Brampton, Georgetown, Rexdale and Downsview. The Chair will be pleased to know that it was not Mr. Danson who signed from Downsview. They avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to your petitioners, in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefor provide a remedy. They humbly sheweth that there exists a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada and this must be remedied as quickly as possible, which might be done by calling a general federal election immediately. Therefore, 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. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. KRISTIANSSEN—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Lyle S. Kristiansen (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, as the Member of Parliament for Kootenay West, an area whose history in the past and its one-time threat of secession was in part responsible for the building of the Crowsnest Railway, I am proud to present the following petition to the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition was signed by 18 residents of the Province of Saskatchewan and the communities of Maidstone, Waseca and Lashburn, along with residents of Ottawa, Ontario and Hull, Quebec. They now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to your petitioners, in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefor provide a remedy. The undersigned have carefully considered the alternative plan presented by the NDP that the Crow rate be maintained and that the railways of all of Canada must be upgraded and developed into a modern and efficient transport system. Wherefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to adopt the provisions of the NDP alternative plan which will not change the Crowsnest Pass freight rate. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. HAWKES—CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty, on behalf of some citizens of some of Alberta's smaller towns, to present a petition to this House. The petitioners are from Tofield, Beaumont, Leduc and Villeneuve. The objective of their petition is to bring to the attention of this House and the Government the fact that there is a crisis of confidence. In particular in their region, agriculture and energy policies, along with issues affecting tourism, have caused bankruptcy, loss of jobs and severe hardship for many of these people. The purpose of the petition is to call upon the Government to give urgent consideration to the necessity of restoring confidence in this country and to suggest to the Government that the only

possible method of restoring confidence is to go through the process of a federal general election.

The petitioners hope that in your examination of their petition you will find it in order, sense the urgency of their plea and that you might use the discretionary powers vested in your office to allow discussion and referral to committee of this matter at the earliest possible moment.

MR. MCKNIGHT—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Bill McKnight (Kindersley-Lloydminster): Mr. Speaker, to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, the undersigned citizens of the Dominion of Canada, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to your petitioners, in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy, request that the Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board make any change necessary to the formula used to calculate payments under the western grain stabilization fund in order to trigger an immediate payout from the over \$900 million currently in the fund. I am pleased to see the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) in attendance.

Therefore, we the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take whatever action may be necessary to provide a remedy. As in duty bound, your petitioners ever pray.

MR. FORRESTALL—CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, Canadians are now half way from Grenada to Barbados on their way to freedom.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Will the Hon. Member restrict his remarks to the petition?

Mr. Beatty: That was a news flash, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The rules of the House call for order at this point. If the Hon. Member is introducing a petition, his remarks should be strictly relevant to that.

Mr. Forrestall: Mr. Speaker, tomorrow I will have a petition from Grenada.

To the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, the undersigned citizens of the Dominion of Canada, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to your 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 best be done by calling a general federal election immediately. Therefore we, the undersigned petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take whatever action may be necessary to restore confidence in the Government of Canada.