

Petitions

Wherefore we the undersigned humbly pray and call upon Parliament to cease the sale of nuclear reactors and reallocate the money saved to such services as daycare centres, social housing and health care for Canadians. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray. Having signed this, I now ask the Clerk to receive it.

MR. HEAP—HIRING OF VISIBLE MINORITIES

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): I have, Mr. Speaker, a petition from a number of residents of Canada. The undersigned do now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy. This petition humbly sheweth that affirmative action programs regarding the hiring of visible minorities by the departments of the federal Government have been sadly neglected.

Wherefore we the undersigned do humbly pray and call upon Parliament to petition the Minister of Employment to encourage the hiring of visible minorities and to undertake studies dealing with the problems faced by visible minorities. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray. Having signed this petition on the back, I call upon the Clerk to deliver it.

Perhaps we can call it one o'clock, Mr. Speaker. I have more petitions to read.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): The Hon. Member has suggested that the House call it one o'clock. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

MR. HEAP—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I had been reading a petition when it was time to call it one o'clock, and as I explained to the Speaker then under the new rules I have some other petitions as well.

It is my honour to present a petition 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 1981-82 crop year. This grain, in turn, contributed \$6.3 billion to the balance of trade, that the undersigned believe that this is the farmers' fair contribution

to the Canadian economy, and that western farmers will pay one times Crow rate, no change.

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

MR. HEAP—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILE ON CANADIAN SOIL

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have another petition to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that the testing of Cruise missiles in Canada compromises the integrity of Canada in striving towards peace.

Wherefore we, the undersigned, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to refuse to allow the testing of the Cruise missile in Canada. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. HEAP—PRODUCTION OF MILITARY PRODUCTS

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition to the honourable House of Commons in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents 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, humbly sheweth that there have been great public concerns regarding the use of substantial portions of Canadian human and materiel resources for the production of military products for use by dictatorships, that there has been great public concern regarding the corresponding lack of support for Canadian industries producing useful goods for Canadians.

Wherefore we, the undersigned, do humbly pray and call upon Parliament to institute an industrial plan to convert those productive facilities presently involved in military production to the manufacture of goods to be enjoyed by Canadians. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. HEAP—CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The undersigned citizens and constituents of Burnaby have asked me to present this petition because they now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy. This petition humbly sheweth that, in the opinion of your petitioners, successive Liberal budgets impose undue and unfair hardship on low and middle-income Canadians, that the