

Petitions

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

MR. ANGUISH—CALL FOR PASSAGE OF BILL C-678

Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, I should like to present a petition this afternoon signed by the residents of the Province of Quebec who believe that the testing of the Cruise missile in Canada escalates the nuclear arms race and is therefore a threat to world peace. The petitioners ask Parliament to recognize that history proves that as military strength increases, so too does the temptation to use that military strength and, therefore, multilateral nuclear disarmament must occur in order to secure peace in the world. The petitioners call upon Parliament to debate and pass Bill C-678, an Act to Declare Canada a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone so that Canada, along with other countries that wish to participate can, as a traditionally peaceful nation or collection of nations, play a crucial role in mediating the world-wide process of disarmament.

Mr. Gimaïel: How many names?

Mr. Anguish: There are a number of people here. One Member is calling for their names. There are several names. The Member who is asking can inspect the petition once it is laid upon the Table. Most of the residents are from Montreal.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. The Hon. Member will confine himself to his petition.

● (1530)

MR. ANGUISH—CALL FOR SALARY INCREASES FOR MPS' STAFFS

Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, the petition, signed by the residents of Canada who now exercise their right to present a grievance, humbly sheweth that the salary budget for staff of Members of Parliament is frozen until August 3, 1984, under the six and five program, and that Members of Parliament were not informed of the freeze into the first year of the program, and as a result most MPs' staff will not receive any salary increases during 1983 and most of 1984.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to increase the salaries of MPs' staffs so that these employees are able to meet financial arrangements they entered into based on salary increases. Members of Parliament and staff were led to expect. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. ANGUISH—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, the next petition I have is signed by residents of the Province of Saskatchewan. 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 undersigned have carefully considered the alternative plan presented by the New Democratic Party and that the Crow rate must be maintained and that the railways of all of Canada must be upgraded and developed into a modern and efficient transportation system.

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

MR. ANGUISH—CALL FOR PASSAGE OF BILL C-678

Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, the next petition is signed by the residents of the Province of Manitoba who support the passage of a Private Members' Bill standing in my name, Bill C-678, an Act to declare Canada a nuclear weapons-free zone. The petitioners believe that the testing of the Cruise missile in Canada escalates the nuclear arms race and is therefore a serious threat to world peace. The petitioners stress that Canada, as a traditionally peaceful nation, can and must play a crucial role in achieving multilateral disarmament. They believe that the passage of Bill C-678 will allow Canada to act as a mediator, along with other countries who wish to participate, in the world-wide nuclear disarmament process.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, I do have several petitions here this afternoon and I will not go on to present all of them. I will take advantage of other days to do that. I will present one last petition and then I will take my seat.

MR. ANGUISH—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by the residents of the Province of Saskatchewan to the honourable the House of Commons in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents from the Province of Saskatchewan 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 undersigned have carefully considered the alternative plan presented by the New Democratic Party and that the Crow rate must be maintained and the railways of all Canada must be upgraded and developed into a modern and efficient transportation system.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to adopt the provisions of the New Democratic Party's alternative plan which will not change the Crowsnest Pass freight rate. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.