

*Petitions*

## MR. DE JONG—CALL FOR AMENDMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

**Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition that I wish to present to 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 whereas under present regulations Unemployment Insurance benefits are paid on the basis of 60 per cent of the recipients' insurable earnings, and whereas this regulation severely hampers the ability of lower paid workers to maintain a reasonable standard of living during their term of unemployment, we, the undersigned petitioners, call on the Government of Canada to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act to allow benefits of 90 per cent of insurable earnings up to the current maximum to be paid to recipients. Most of the petitioners are from the Province of Ontario.

## MR. DE JONG—SALMONID ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

**Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition which is addressed to the honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, who now exercise their right to present a grievance, humbly sheweth that whereas the continued existence of the salmon fishing industry on the West Coast of Canada is dependent upon the revitalization of the stocks, and whereas the Salmonid Enhancement Program has shown to be a viable vehicle for accomplishing this objective, therefore we the undersigned, your petitioners, call on the Government of Canada to continue and increase funding for the Salmonid Enhancement Program.

## MR. DE JONG—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILE ON CANADIAN SOIL

**Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition I wish to present to the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of the Town of Govan in the Province of Saskatchewan, who now exercise their right to present a grievance, humbly sheweth that, no way, it is our country and not theirs. If they must, let them foul their own nest. We call on the Government of Canada to refuse to test the Cruise. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

## MR. DE JONG—WEST COAST FISHERIES

**Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition addressed to 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 whereas there are a substantial number of vessels, both domestic and foreign, fishing the waters off the West Coast of Canada without the presence of Department of Fisheries and Oceans observers to monitor their catches, and whereas it is essential to the health of the fishing industry in Canada that commercial stocks be closely monitored, therefore

we the undersigned, your petitioners, call on the Government of Canada to provide adequate funding to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and to ensure the implementation of an observer program for West Coast fisheries.

## MR. DE JONG—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

**Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition I wish to present to the House of Common in Parliament assembled, mainly from petitioners in and around Swift Current, Saskatchewan, who have carefully considered the alternative plan of the Pepin-Gilson Report concerning the Crow's Nest Pass Freight Rate Agreement. They urge that the Parliament of Canada immediately adopt its provisions in order that the Crowsnest Pass freight rate may be maintained and ensure that all the railways of Canada may be upgraded and developed to modern and efficient transportation for the benefit of the whole country.

## MR. DE JONG—NANOOSE BAY NAVAL BASE

**Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by the residents of Canada 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 whereas the Minister of Defence has indicated that he does not know whether or not submarines frequenting the U.S. naval base at Nanoose Bay, British Columbia, are equipped with nuclear arms, therefore we the undersigned, your petitioners, call on the Government of Canada to insist to the Government of the United States that it remove and prohibit any further use of this base by submarines which are nuclear powered or contain nuclear weapons. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

## MR. DE JONG—DEPLOYMENT OF SS-20 MISSILES

**Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition addressed to the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, who now exercise their right to present a grievance, humbly sheweth that whereas the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) has complained that Canadians have not been vocal in criticizing the deployment of SS-20 missiles by the Soviet Union, and whereas the Prime Minister is the chief elected spokesperson for Canadians, therefore we the undersigned, your petitioners, call upon the Government of Canada to instruct the Prime Minister to condemn on behalf of Canadians the deployment of those missiles. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

## MR. DE JONG—U.S. INTERFERENCE IN EL SALVADOR

**Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, to the honourable House of Commons in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, who now