

Petitions

has neglected to pay attention to this area for decades. As a result, the Canadian economy has suffered and Canadian workers and businesses have been placed in severe jeopardy because of the Government's inaction.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray that the Government be encouraged to move immediately to implement an effective policy of marine industrial development and the development of a Canadian merchant marine fleet and the expansion of shipbuilding and allied industries.

This is signed by people from the Province of British Columbia, White Rock, Port Langley, Surrey, Delta, Coquitlam, New Westminster, Haney, Port Moody, Aldergrove, Sardis. It essentially covers many areas of the Province of British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker, I have an excellent petition to present addressed to the honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The signatures gathered in this petition will interest the Hon. Member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme). They are those of the Seafarers' International Union of Canada on Homer Street in Vancouver, B.C. All the signatures appear to be in order. They are extremely concerned. They addressed the petition to the honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition is from 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. They outline in very explicit detail that the Seafarers' of Canada have lost enormous employment opportunities. This country has suffered the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenues because the Government of Canada has failed to develop a Canadian merchant fleet. The petitioners humbly pray that the Government immediately move forward to develop a Canadian merchant fleet, which would obviously result in the expansion of shipbuilding and allied trade in this country. It is my pleasure to present this petition on behalf of those individuals.

Mr. Speaker, this petition is brought forward and I have the honour to present it to this House. It is from St. Catharines and Windsor, Ontario, areas in which many individuals have suffered as a result of the failure to implement a marine strategy. It is addressed to the honourable the 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 there has been a tremendous loss of employment opportunities and an incredible amount of money in lost revenue for Canadians. That has taken place because the Government has failed to develop an industrial policy in this country, has neglected to implement such a policy for decades, and has placed in severe jeopardy many of those

shipbuilding operations across Canada that are facing very bleak prospects because of Government action.

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Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament that the Government be encouraged immediately to implement a sensible and effective marine policy that will result in the creation of a Canadian merchant fleet and the expansion of Canadian shipbuilding and allied industries.

Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to present another petition from a number of residents of the Province of British Columbia who have expressed their concerns. This petition has been gathered by the CBRT and General Workers Union and they express their concern through the following text.

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 thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of industrial benefits are not accruing to Canadians because we lack a marine industrial strategy and that the federal Government has neglected to implement a coherent marine policy, although it promised to do so over two years ago, and that Canada's economic growth and wellbeing is in jeopardy because of the Government's inaction.

Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray that the Government be encouraged immediately to implement a sensible and effective marine policy that will result in the creation of a Canadian merchant fleet and the expansion of shipbuilding and allied industries.

Mr. Speaker, I again have the pleasure to present a very important statement by way of a petition from residents of Lauzon, Quebec. They have addressed their petition to the House of Commons and have indicated the following.

[*Translation*]

To the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, the petition of the undersigned citizens of Canada who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a common grievance, in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy.

Humbly sheweth that:

Canadians have been deprived of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in industrial spin-offs because we have no industrial marine strategy and the federal Government has neglected to provide Canada with a consistent maritime policy, although more than two years ago it promised to announce such a policy, and that the Government's inaction is endangering Canada's economic growth.

Therefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray that the Government be asked to adopt forthwith a consistent