

his head in the negative, but that is what happened. She went on to say that if the Minister, on reflection, thought that the production of the document would not be in the national interest or the public interest, then that was his way out. We are satisfied with Madam Speaker's ruling. We are satisfied that now that the Minister has stood in his place and said that it would not be in the national interest or public interest to table a document, it need not be tabled, even though we feel it is a cop-out.

In my submission, the Chair is not in a position now where it needs to make a ruling because Madam Speaker has done that. She made the ruling, left the way out, the way out has been taken by the Minister. That is the end of it. There is certainly no point in making another ruling on top of the one that has already been made. Obviously the document, on the declaration of the Minister himself, is not one of those which need be tabled because he has said to the House that it would not serve the national interest or the public interest to do so. That is the end of it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. The Chair has reviewed the remarks of the Speaker. The Chair is satisfied that the Minister has stated that it is against the public interest to reveal the document. That is the end of the matter.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

PETITIONS

MR. PELLETIER—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILE ON CANADIAN SOIL

Mr. Irénée Pelletier (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, I would like to present a petition.

It is addressed 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 to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your Honourable House will therefore provide a remedy. This petition containing 1,400 names was organized by the Conseil estrien pour la paix and the Carrefour de solidarité internationale de l'Estrie. Briefly, expresses the wish that Canada would refuse to test the Cruise missile and humbly sheweth:

That the Cruise missile is a military weapon and not a peace weapon.

That its greater prevision and ability to fly without being detected by existing radar systems makes it a front line offensive weapon.

Wherefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon your Honourable House not to authorize the

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testing of the Cruise missiles on its territory, to support the initiatives for a multilateral disarmament at the special session of the United Nations, to assert its will not to escalate the arms race and to refuse unreservedly the presence of the Cruise missiles in Canada.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

[English]

MR. SCOTT (VICTORIA-HALIBURTON)—FULL MAIL SERVICE FOR LINDSAY, ONTARIO

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition to the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, signed by residents of Lindsay, Ontario, who now exercise 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 whereas a portion of Oak Street and Birch Court are already receiving full mail service, we the undersigned, do hereby petition for full mail service to the remainder of Oak Street and Birch Court in Lindsay. And as in duty bound our petitioners will ever pray.

MR. ROCHE—AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS

Mr. Douglas Roche (Edmonton South): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition on behalf of Amnesty International signed by 249 Albertans, primarily in the city of Edmonton. The petitioners claim that it is an affront to humanity for thousands of men and women to be imprisoned throughout the world solely because of their political beliefs, colour or ethnic origin. They also claim that there is an indissoluble link between human rights and world peace. Therefore, they petition Parliament to call for an amnesty backed by the United Nations and declared by all governments for all such prisoners of conscience, which would give effect to the moral and legal principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. 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, I have a few petitions I would like to present this afternoon. They have been sent to me by Canadian citizens. The petition of the undersigned of 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, that they feel 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.