

*Petitions*

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

● (1750)

## CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, as in my duty as a Member of the House of Commons, I wish to present a petition on behalf of residents of the great riding of North Vancouver-Burnaby. The purpose of this petition, signed as it is by concerned Canadians, is to indicate to the House that there is a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada. The nature of the petition is to demand that a general federal election be called immediately.

The petitioners hope, Mr. Speaker, that in your examination of their petition you will find it in order, sense the urgency and desperation of their plea, and that you might use the discretionary power vested in your office to refer this petition to His Excellency the Governor General at the earliest possible moment.

**Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, I have the duty to present a petition to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned citizens of the Dominion 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 therefor provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that there exists a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada, that this must be remedied as quickly as possible, and that this might best be done by calling a general federal election immediately.

Wherefore, we the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take whatever action may be necessary to restore confidence in the Government of Canada and in the Canadian Parliament. And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

**Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot):** Mr. Speaker, I have the unique, extraordinary and special privilege of introducing a petition on behalf of the thoughtful and wise people from the community of Windsor, whose Minister and Member was in the House just a few moments ago. Those good citizens of Windsor petition the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned citizens of the Dominion 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 therefor provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that, whereas there exists a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada, whereas this must be remedied as quickly as possible, and whereas this might best be done by calling a general federal election immediately, we the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take whatever action may be necessary to restore confidence in the Government of Canada. And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

## MR. BENJAMIN—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West):** Mr. Speaker, in order to speed up the representation of petitions, I will present two petitions which I really should have given to the Hon. Member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil) because I know he is an ardent supporter of keeping the Crow.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Would the Hon. Member please state his petition.

**Mr. Benjamin:** I would be glad to, Mr. Speaker. These are two petitions signed by 37 people from Chaplin, Central Butte, Moose Jaw and Ottawa who humbly petition the House of Commons that they, the undersigned, have carefully considered the alternative plan presented by the New Democratic Party. Wherefore, they humbly pray and call upon Parliament to adopt the provisions of the NDP alternative plan in order that the statutory Crowsnest Pass freight rates may be maintained before we have a general election and that all railways of Canada may be upgraded and developed into a modern and efficient transportation system.

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**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Mr. Speaker, I have the duty and honour to present to the honourable House of Commons of Canada a petition of the undersigned citizens 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 therefor provide a remedy. They humbly sheweth that there exists a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada which must be remedied as quickly as possible by calling a general election. Wherefore, the undersigned petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take whatever action may be necessary to restore confidence in the Government of Canada. And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray. It is signed by 23 citizens from Fairmount, British Columbia; Spruce Grove, Alberta; Radium, British Columbia; Bawlf, Alberta; Calgary; Edmonton; Canal Flats; and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

**Mr. John Thomson (Calgary South):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned citizens of the Dominion 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 therefor provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that, whereas there exists a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada, whereas this must be remedied as quickly as possible, and whereas this might best be done by calling a general federal election immediately, we the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take whatever action may be necessary to restore confidence in the Government of Canada. And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray. It is dated this day, October 27, 1983, and it is signed by 25 residents of