

Petitions

grievance, in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefor provide a remedy, that there exists, in their opinion, a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada and that this could be remedied as quickly as possible. Therefore, there should be a federal election called, and, therefore, they state, 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. As in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. ALTHOUSE—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from residents of the Nipawin-Craik River-Choiceland area of Saskatchewan, to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of the Province of Saskatchewan, who now exercise their right to present a grievance, humbly sheweth that the removal of the Crow rate will see its replacement by rates that will impose a higher rate cost of five times the present Crow rate and higher by 1990, that such increases are being imposed at a time when the price for producers' grain is at the 1974 level, and the detailed calculations show that the rate of 5.1 times the Crow rate will cost the community of Nipawin \$564,600 per annum extra in payment for grain freight that would otherwise have stayed in that community based on actual deliveries in the 1980-81 crop year. Wherefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon the Parliament of Canada to maintain the Crow rate in perpetuity as presently guaranteed by statute. In duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. HARGRAVE—CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Mr. Bert Hargrave (Medicine Hat): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from 34 petitioners in the city of Vancouver. To the Hon. 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, this must be remedied as quickly as possible. Whereas this might best be done by calling a general federal election immediately, therefore, 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.

● (1700)

MR. McDERMID—IMPACT OF LEGISLATION ON PLACER MINERS
IN YUKON

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here from the residents of Victoria, British Columbia, from Whitehorse in the Yukon, from Lake Laberge. A number of them are placer miners themselves. The

petition is to the honourable House of Commons in Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, primarily residents of the Yukon and some other parts 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 therefor provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that the survival of the Yukon placer miners is threatened by unfair changes in legislation and regulations proposed by federal Government Department. Such changes in the legislation and regulations as those proposed by the federal Government could lead to the destruction of the placer mining industry. The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament not to enact any proposed legislation which would further threaten the security of employment in the Yukon at a time when the staggering and unprecedented level of employment in the Yukon threatens the quality of life in northern communities. As in duty bound, your petitioners will every pray.

MR. FORRESTALL—CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, I as well have a petition. I might like to put forward another one. Hon. Members will at least know Canadians are now out of Grenada and more or less en route to Barbados.

To the honourable House of Commons 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 provide therefor a remedy, humbly sheweth, Mr. Speaker, 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, therefore, 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.

This is signed by 38 residents of the Province of British Columbia.

MR. SARGEANT—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Terry Sargeant (Selkirk-Interlake): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition on behalf of a number of Saskatchewan farmers. They petition the honourable House of Commons in Parliament assembled. The undersigned residents of Canada, who now exercise their right to present a grievance, humbly sheweth that western Canadian farmers paid \$131 million to move export grain under the Crow freight rate in the 1981-82 crop year. This grain, in turn, contributed \$6.3 billion to the balance of trade. The undersigned believe that this is the farmers' fair contribution to the Canadian economy and that western farmers will pay one times Crow, in other words, no charge. Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly