

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, I have the honour and privilege to present a petition signed by constituents in Thunder Bay—Atikokan, residents of the West Fort area, the Ogden east end area of Thunder Bay, and the community of South Gillies, a rural community southwest of the City of Thunder Bay.

These petitioners are very concerned about the Mulroney-Reagan trade deal. They are concerned that it threatens the very fabric of Canadian political and economic sovereignty by removing the power of the Canadian Government to control foreign ownership effectively, to develop our energy resources, et cetera, et cetera.

They complete the petition by calling upon Parliament to dissolve and to allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed trade agreement during a national general election.

• (1510)

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition duly certified by the Clerk from a number of Canadians living in Montreal and elsewhere in Quebec who complain that the Government without any mandate from the Canadian people and having promised that it would defend Canadian sovereignty during the negotiations on free trade has, in fact, undermined Canadian economic sovereignty by removing the power of the Canadian Government to control foreign ownership.

The Government has also failed completely in the major objective of the negotiations, which was to secure access to the American market. The deal threatens the loss of hundreds of thousands of Canadian jobs.

Therefore, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to dissolve and to allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed free trade agreement during a national election.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition certified by the Clerk of Petitions. It was not signed strictly by members of the Canadian Labour Congress, it was signed by Canadians from other parts of this country. It expresses their concern with the fact that the proposed trade agreement would deny Canada the policy freedom to determine its own economic future and undermine its ability to build a society distinct from that of the United States.

The petitioners also believe the proposed deal will deny Canadians secure access to the U.S. market which was the key objective in the negotiations. They also believe it threatens the loss of hundreds of thousands of Canadian jobs.

The people who have signed this petition call upon Parliament to dissolve and allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed trade arrangement during a national general election.

Order Paper Questions

Ms. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I have the duty and honour to present a petition signed by Canadians from Thunder Bay, Ontario, who are concerned that the trade deal negotiated by the Government threatens the very fabric of Canadian political and economic sovereignty and thereby Canada loses its power to determine its own economic and social policies.

These petitioners, therefore, call upon Parliament to dissolve and allow the people of Canada to reject or accept this trade agreement during a national election.

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[Translation]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if Question No. 207 could be made an Order for Return, this return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to have Question No. 207 deemed to have been made an Order for Return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

GRANTS AND/OR LOANS TO HURTIG PUBLISHERS

Question No. 207—**Mr. Shields:**

Since April 1968, have (a) grants (b) loans (c) loan guarantees (d) contracts been provided by the Government to Hurtig Publishers of Edmonton or other Hurtig enterprises and if so, how many and, in each case (i) on what date (ii) in what amount (iii) for what purpose?

Return tabled.

[Translation]

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall all notices of motions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.