

Petitions

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I presume the Hon. Member means the second session and not the second sitting. [English]

Mr. Skelly: Yes.

Mr. Pinard: The Hon. Member knows that under the existing statute, the Chief Electoral Officer has to make a report to the House at the beginning of the second session of each Parliament. I suppose when that time comes his report will deal with the important matter raised by the Hon. Member. Then we will see what we will do.

Mr. Skelly: Madam Speaker, the House Leader knows how very important that is in order to comply with the requirement of the Constitution which ensures that every Canadian has the right to vote. The Chief Electoral Officer has indicated he has not been getting that much information when many Members of Parliament have expressed a concern. Is the House Leader prepared to call this matter to his attention and to ask him to report on it?

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, even though this is not properly House business, I will be glad to bring to the attention of the Chief Electoral Officer the questions asked today by the Hon. Member.

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POINT OF ORDER

MR. BENJAMIN—INADEQUATE SUPPLY OF COPIES OF BILL C-155

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Yesterday I raised a point with you, Madam Speaker, about the inability to get additional copies of Bill C-155. I was wondering whether you have been able to look into that matter since I am still limited to ten copies and I have over 50 requests for copies.

Madam Speaker: We now have additional copies, so the Hon. Member should be able to get them in the usual place.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

PRESENTATION OF EIGHTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Claude-André Lachance (Rosemont): Madam Speaker, I have the honour of tabling the Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

[Editor's Note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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MR. KORCHINSKI—NUCLEAR ARMS RACE

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 38 members of All Saints Anglican Church in Melfort in the Province of Saskatchewan who are concerned that the increasing danger of a nuclear war and the building of ever-more destructive weapons, if used, would threaten the very survival of human life on this earth. These people pray and call upon this Honourable House to urge the Government to renounce all present and future involvement in a nuclear arms race and turn every effort to the attainment of peace, giving positive leadership through Canada's ambassador for disarmament in the United Nations.

RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATE

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Madam Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present a petition to the House from 40 residents of Canada, Portage la Prairie, Lowe Farm, Balmoral, Winnipeg, Morris and Woodside, Manitoba, in which they exercise their right to present a grievance that western farmers paid \$131 million to move export grain under the Crow rate in 1982. This grain in turn contributed \$6.3 billion to our balance of trade. The undersigned believe it is the farmers' fair contribution to the Canadian economy and that western farmers will pay one times Crow. The undersigned petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to maintain the present statutory grain rate.

Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt-Lake Centre): Madam Speaker, I have a petition from 39 or 40 residents of the Morse Saskatchewan district. Most of them are farmers, a number are business people, housewives and labourers in that area who are petitioning the Parliament of Canada to maintain the Crow rate because of the disruption that may occur to their communities because of the proposal that is before the House at this time.

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Madam Speaker, it is my honour and duty to present to this House a petition signed by 46 residents of Lloydminster, the Alberta and Saskatchewan area in places such as Vermilion, Vegreville and Calgary. These petitioners bring before Parliament their grievance and humbly call upon Parliament to maintain the present statutory Crow grain rate.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Madam Speaker, it is my duty and my honour to present a petition on behalf of some 35 to 40 residents of my Province in towns like Cadillac, Admiral, Shaunavon, Valmarie and places like that. These are local farmers who are petitioning to keep the statutory Crow rate as is. They do not want to see any change in the Crow rate whatsoever. They are concerned that if there is a change, it will drive a lot of these small and ordinary-size farmers off