

Petitions

and is therefore a serious threat to world peace. The petitioners urge Parliament to recognize that multilateral nuclear disarmament must occur in order to secure world peace and that Canada, as a traditionally peaceful nation, can play a crucial role in achieving multilateral disarmament by becoming a nuclear weapons free zone, thus allowing it to act as a mediator between countries with a nuclear weapon capability along with other countries that wish to participate in the process.

Those are all the petitions I have to present at the present time. However, I have some more which I will present in following days. I appreciate the indulgence of the Chair in allowing me to present these petitions this afternoon. They were sent as a result of very serious concerns on the part of the people who signed them. Whether they be on the issue of disarmament, statutory freight rates, pornography or whatever, it is very important for people to be allowed to express themselves through Parliament by the presentation of petitions through Members of Parliament should they choose to do so.

MR. WADDELL—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILE ON CANADIAN SOIL

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have only two petitions to present to the honourable House of Commons in Parliament assembled. The first petition is from the undersigned residents of the Town of Viscount, in the Province of Saskatchewan, and of the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, who now exercise their right to present a grievance. They humbly sheweth that if the United States wants to test Cruise missiles, it can be done in its own country, not in ours. They call upon the Government to refuse to test the Cruise missile in Canada. The petitioners are duty bound and will ever pray. There are a number of petitioners in this case, about 20 people from those particular towns. I would like to sign and table that petition.

MR. WADDELL—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, my second petition is from the Town of High River, a well-known town in Alberta.

An Hon. Member: A great town.

Mr. Waddell: Yes, a great town, as my friend says. The former leader of his Party came from that town; I hope he supported him. This petition is from residents of High River, Alberta and of Ottawa, Ontario. It is to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. They exercise their right and humbly sheweth that the removal of the Crow rate will see its replacement by rates which will impose higher freight costs of five times the present Crow rate and higher by 1990, that such increases are being imposed at a time when prices for producers' grain are now at 1974 levels, and that the calculations show, finally, that the rate of 5.1 times the Crow rate will cost the community of High River alone \$732,500 in payments for grain freight, which otherwise

would have stayed in that community, based on actual deliveries of 1980-81 crop. It is signed by some 19 people from High River, together with three people from Ottawa. The petitioners pray that this House will listen to their pleas. I would like to sign that petition and to file it.

MR. HEAP—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILE ON CANADIAN SOIL

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to present a petition from undersigned residents of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario. They 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. This petition humbly sheweth that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) presented to the United Nations in 1978 the strategy for nuclear suffocation, that testing of the new Cruise missile in Canada is inconsistent with this strategy, and that Canada's NATO partners, Belgium and The Netherlands, have refused to have Cruise missiles deployed on their soil.

Wherefore we the undersigned humbly pray and call upon Parliament to request the Prime Minister to refuse to allow the testing of this new generation of weapons on Canadian soil. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray. Having signed this one on the back, I present it for tabling.

MR. HEAP—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition which was signed by some 59 or 60 residents of several different parts of Ontario. To the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, the petition of the undersigned residents of the Province of Ontario, 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 alternate plan presented by the New Democratic Party, that the Crow rate must be maintained and that all railways of Canada must be upgraded and developed into a modern and efficient transportation system.

Wherefore we the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to adopt the provisions of the New Democratic Party alternate plan which will not change the Crowsnest Pass freight rate. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray. Having signed this one on the back, I am prepared to have it tabled.

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MR. HEAP—CALL FOR IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICE IN NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by residents from many parts of Ontario, especially northern Ontario, 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