

Petitions

Canadian farmers shall pay only one time the Crow rate, wherefore, they humbly pray and call upon Parliament to retain the present Crow rate for grain. And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, forgive me for having called you Madam Speaker.

[English]

CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled a 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 since there exists a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada and that this must be remedied as quickly as possible, which can only be done by the calling of a general federation 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. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I too have the duty and honour to present a petition to the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition is signed by 288 citizens of the Dominion of Canada resident in Brentwood Bay, Calgary, Cassidy, Chemainus, Courtenay, Duncan, Edmonton, Langley, Lantzville, Ladysmith, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Parksville, Sooke, Vancouver, Victoria and Wabush, 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 the remedy; humbly sheweth that having due regard to the serious economic dilemma which faces Canada today, including widespread unemployment, business bankruptcies and personal hardships affecting millions of Canadians, and whereas the Liberal Government has shown little confidence in reversing this disastrous crisis, the undersigned 288 petitioners have lost confidence in the Government of Canada and thereby insist that Parliament be dissolved and a federal general election be called immediately. Your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, but not for too long, I hope.

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MR. DARLING—LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, to the honourable House of Commons in Parliament assembled in the petition the undersigned citizens of the Dominion of Canada 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 therefore provide a remedy; humbly sheweth, that there exists a crisis of

confidence in the Government of Canada and that this must be remedied as quickly as possible and 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.

Mr. Laniel: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I want the House to know that those people across the way who are presenting those petitions forget the fact that they had the power for just a few months and did not know what to do with it. I do not know what they mean by these petitions.

Mr. Mayer: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. If the Hon. Member is so concerned about our not knowing what to do with power, I would challenge him to go to his Leader, ask him to call an election and see if we would then know what to do with power.

Mr. Malone: Mr. Speaker, I might comment on the point of order by simply saying that we knew what to do with it, but he did not know what to do without it.

CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, in the petition the undersigned citizens of the Dominion of Canada now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to your petitioners with certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy. 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 ever pray.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Just before I recognize the next Hon. Member, no doubt on a petition, may I remind Hon. Members that under House rules, since there is an emergency debate tonight, there will be no adjournment motion from 6 p.m.

Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 25 residents of the towns of Bramlea, Brampton, Mississauga, Bolton, Ontario, Orangeville and one from Rural Route No. 6, which is in Shelbourne, Ontario. They 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, that this must be remedied as quickly as possible, and that this might best be done by calling a general federal election immediately. Therefore, we the