

your petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that because of the lack of a marine industrial strategy, Canadians are subject to substantial unemployment and tremendous loss of industrial spin-off benefits to Asian and European countries; that the federal Government over a number of years has failed to implement an effective Canadian marine industrial policy, although there was a solid commitment for years and years to do so; and that it is obvious Canadian economic growth and development has been severely harmed by Government inaction in this area.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray that the Government move quickly to implement the effective development of a Canadian merchant fleet and the expansion of Canadian shipbuilding and allied industries. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure of being invited to present a petition which is addressed to the honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. It contains a substantial number of signatures of citizens of Lakeshore Road, Toronto and Mississauga, in the Province of Ontario, which appear to be in order. The petition of the undersigned residents 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 therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in industrial benefits are being lost each year to Canadians because the Government of Canada has failed to develop a Canadian marine industrial program, that the federal Government failed over many years to develop a coherent Canadian marine policy although it promised to do so, and that the Canadian economy has been harmed because of Government inaction.

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Therefore your petitioners humbly pray that the Government be encouraged immediately to implement a sensible and effective marine policy that will result in the creation of a Canadian merchant fleet and the expansion of Canadian shipbuilding facilities and allied industries in Canada. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

[English]

MR. SKELLY—ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NORTH ISLAND-POWELL RIVER

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition addressed to the honourable the House of Commons in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents 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 therefore provide a remedy. This petition is presented by a number of residents in the community of Grantham Landing, British Columbia. The

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petition basically recommends to the House of Commons that the Electoral Boundaries Commission of British Columbia take into consideration the fact that the Sechelt Peninsula has a large number of common interests with the proposed electoral area of North Island-Powell River. The petition requests that the Sechelt Peninsula be included in that electoral district rather than being moved into the electoral district of Capilano, which is the current proposal.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that the House of Commons will recommend to the Electoral Boundaries Commission of British Columbia that the residents of the Sechelt Peninsula remain within the electoral district of North Island-Powell River.

MR. SKELLY—PORNOGRAPHY—CALL FOR AMENDMENT OF BROADCASTING ACT

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I have a great deal of pleasure in presenting a petition that is addressed to the honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition is from the undersigned residents of Canada in the Province of Ontario, who now exercise their right to present a grievance. There is grave concern about the growing amount of pornographic material available in the community in many forms, especially the increase in violence depicted in pornography, degradation and sexual exploitation of children. There is increasing evidence of the direct harmful effects of pornography in sexual and other assaults and in child abuse. The Canadian obscenity laws are woefully out of date and inadequate for dealing with current problems.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to revise the obscenity laws to reflect community concerns about excessive violence and degradation of the human person, sexual exploitation of children and the portrayal of coercive sexual relations by imposing serious penalties for violations. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

CANADIAN MERCHANT MARINE

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present another petition that is addressed to the honourable the House of Commons in Parliament assembled. The petition is from the undersigned residents 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 therefore provide a remedy. This petition deals with the question of the marine industrial strategy of Canada. It indicates that there has been an enormous loss of income to Canadians, an enormous loss of unemployment and that this country has generally been harmed economically because of the lack of the Government's initiative in this area. The federal Government