

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to maintain the present statutory grain Crow rate,

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

[English]

MR. NEIL—CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

**Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by a number of Canadian residents who reside in Tofield, Alberta, and Sherwood Park. It is addressed to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The 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 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 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. FLIS—CALL FOR VOTE PASSAGE OF BILL C-155

**Mr. Jesse P. Flis (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by taxpayers of Canada who reside in the Provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. To the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled the petition of the undersigned citizens, residents of Canada, humbly sheweth that, due to losses from the carriage of grain, Canada's railways are unable to invest in the expanded railway capacity that is needed to maintain Canada's heretofore good reputation as a reliable exporter-supplier and that Bill C-155, the Western Grain Transportation Bill, will allow this investment to take place while providing the necessary protection to the farmers of western Canada, and that with the passage of this Bill tens of thousands of jobs will be created across the country thereby contributing to economic recovery. Therefore, we the undersigned petitioners humbly pray all Members of Parliament to cease the unnecessary procedural wrangling, immediately conclude debate and vote upon Bill C-155. Your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

**Mr. Bert Hargrave (Medicine Hat):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from the good citizens, 23 of them, of Gananoque, Ontario to the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The 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

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your petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefor provide a remedy, 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 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.

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition addressed to the honourable House of Commons in Parliament assembled. It reads as follows. 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 therefor provide a remedy. It calls upon the House of Commons to call an election at the earliest date and concludes: "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."

Unlike the petition presented by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Flis), pray here is spelled p-r-a-y and not p-r-e-y.

**Mr. Flis:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Hon. House Leader inspected my petition and found it in order. I ask the hon. gentleman to withdraw his remarks and respect the rules of this House.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. I did indeed inspect the petition. It was not signed by three Members of Parliament. It has to be, to be in order.

MR. KRISTIANSSEN—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

**Mr. Lyle S. Kristiansen (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of hands across the mountains, I am pleased as a Member for British Columbia to present the following petition signed by some 18 residents of Maidstone, Battleford and Waseca, Saskatchewan; Hull, Quebec and Ottawa, Ontario, to the honourable House of Commons in Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of the Province of Saskatchewan and others 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 a remedy, humbly sheweth that the undersigned have carefully considered the alternative plan presented by the New Democratic Party that the Crow rate must be maintained and that the railways of all of Canada must be upgraded and developed into a modern and efficient transport system. Therefore, we the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to adopt the provisions of the New Democratic Party alternative plan which will not change the Crownsnest