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 are also concerned about the crisis of confidence in Canada and feel that the only way to solve this is by calling a general 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. MCDERMID—IMPACT OF LEGISLATION ON PLACER MINERS IN YUKON

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by individuals from Carmacks, Pukaskwa, and Whitehorse in the Yukon regarding a grievance common to your petitioners that the survival of the Yukon placer miners is threatened by unfair changes in legislation and regulations proposed by federal Government Departments. Such changes in the legislation and regulations as those proposed by the federal Government would lead to the destruction of the placer mining industry. Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament not to enact any proposed legislation that would further threaten the security of employment in the Yukon at a time when, we all know, the staggering and unprecedented level of unemployment in the Yukon threatens the quality of life in the northern communities that I mentioned, and many others.

MR. FRIESEN—CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition addressed to the honourable House of Commons 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, whereas there exists a crisis of confidence in the Governemnt of Canada, whereas this might 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. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray. It is signed by residents of the City of Alberta.

MR. KEEPER-RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg-St. James): Mr. Speaker, to the honourable House of Commons in Parliament assembled, I have a petition of the undersigned residents of the Province of Saskatchewan and communities such as High River and North Battleford, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a common grievance. Your

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petitioners, in 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. Wherefore, 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 Crowsnest Pass freight rate, and, as in duty, bound your petitioners ever pray.

CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition mostly signed by residents of Dufferin County in my constituency but including residents of other areas of Ontario. The petition is to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. To 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 therefor provide a remedy.

The purpose of the petition is to demand an early election in Canada. The petitioners conclude by saying that therefore, we the petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take whatever action may be necessary to restore confidence in the Government of Canada. As in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and duty to present a petition on behalf of some of the wonderful people from the communities of Princeton, British Columbia, North Vancouver, Canyon, British Columbia and other communities in that Province along with citizens from Edmonton in Alberta.

To the honourable House of Commons and 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 certain assurance that the House will provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that, 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. As in duty bound, your petitioners will forever pray.

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from citizens in the beautiful Province of British Columbia from Fernie and Sparwood and then we move over into Alberta. There are probably 25 citizens who state in the petition the undersigned citizens of the Dominion of Canada now do avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a