

I am pleased to say the signatures were obtained after a Brockville resident visited Ottawa and the Parliament Hill peace camp where he was able to see and obtain a copy of my petition. The petitioners call upon Parliament to recognize that the testing of the Cruise missile in Canada escalates the nuclear arms race and is therefore a serious threat to world peace. They call upon Parliament to pass Bill C-678 so that Canada can act as a mediator along with other countries that wish to participate in a world-wide nuclear disarmament process.

MR. ANGUISH—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

**Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake):** Mr. Speaker, the next petition I have is sent to me by residents of the Lloydminster and Marshall area. They call upon this House to seek a solution to their concerns. The undersigned have carefully considered the alternate plan put forth by the New Democratic Party. They want the Crow rate to be maintained, as we have insisted in the many debates in this House of Commons; that the railways of all of Canada be upgraded and developed into a modern and efficient transportation system. The undersigned petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to adopt the provisions of the New Democratic Party's alternative plan which will not change the Crowsnest Pass freight rate. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

**Mr. Prud'homme:** God has forgiven you, you have prayed enough.

**Mr. Anguish:** Only a few more, Marcel.

Mr. Speaker, the next petition I have is signed by residents of Marsden, Saskatchewan. They call upon the House of Commons in Parliament assembled to find a solution for their concerns and hope that this honourable House will provide a remedy. The undersigned want the statutory Crow rate maintained without question, without alteration, and that the railways of all Canada, especially those branch lines in western Canada so essential to the movement of grain, be upgraded and developed into a modern and efficient transportation system. The undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to adopt the provisions of the New Democratic Party's alternate plan which will have no change to the Crowsnest Pass freight rate. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

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MR. ANGUISH—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILE ON CANADIAN SOIL

**Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition this afternoon which calls upon the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of the Town of Colonsay in the Province of Saskatchewan, who now exercise their right to present a grievance, humbly sheweth that they are opposed to the testing of the Cruise missile in Canada. They call upon

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the Government to refuse the testing of the Cruise missile, since they view it as a serious escalation of the nuclear arms race and to ensure that we become a nuclear weapons free zone to allow Canada, as well as other countries, to participate in a mediation role between the superpowers and other countries which currently have a nuclear arms capability, because it seems that they enter into conflict, not meaningful consultation or disarmament talks. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. ANGUISH—CALL FOR PASSAGE OF BILL C-678

**Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake):** Mr. Speaker, I also have the pleasure to present a petition signed by residents of Calgary, Alberta. The petitioners wrote me through Mr. Richard Collier of Mount Royal College, Calgary. They say that Canada must somehow turn back the tide of potential world destruction and express their fears of the deployment of the Cruise and Pershing II missiles. The petitioners stress that the testing of the Cruise missile escalates the nuclear arms race and is therefore a serious threat to world peace. They call upon Parliament to debate and pass Bill C-678, an Act to declare Canada a nuclear weapons free zone, which would allow Canada to act as a mediator in the world along with other countries that wish to participate in the process and to work toward a world-wide nuclear disarmament process.

MR. ANGUISH—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

**Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake):** Mr. Speaker, I have another petition which is signed by residents of the Marshall and Lashburn area. They call upon the House of Commons to find a solution to their concerns and ask that our honourable House will therefore provide a remedy for their concerns arising from Bill C-155. They want to impress upon the House the importance of preserving and maintaining the statutory Crow rate. Further, they want to see the rail transportation system in Canada improved and upgraded and especially their branch lines preserved because they are so important to the survival of their communities. 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 rates. And as in duty bound your petitioners ever pray.

MR. ANGUISH—CALL FOR PASSAGE OF BILL C-678

**Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake):** Mr. Speaker, I have a fairly lengthy petition which gives me a great deal of pleasure to present. It is signed by some 216 residents of the Province of Alberta from such communities as Medicine Hat, Calgary, Banff and Red Deer, all of whom support the passage of the Private Member's Bill standing in my name, Bill C-678, an Act to declare Canada a nuclear weapons free zone. The petitioners believe that the testing of the Cruise missile in Canada escalates the nuclear arms race