

On 7 March 1990, NDP Member Robert E. Skelly tabled a petition before the House of Commons asking the government to set up a nuclear weapons-free zone in British Columbia. Mr. Skelly stated:

I have a ... petition that calls on the government to set up a nuclear free zone in British Columbia that would allow no ship carrying nuclear weapons to be given access to our ports and waterways, that the designation include passages through our waters en route to Nanoose Bay and in all the waters around the Canadian Forces maritime experimental and test ranges near Nanoose Bay, British Columbia, and that all governments be required to provide, in advance of their arrival, assurance that ships visiting our waters carry no nuclear weapons and have no nuclear reactors on board.<sup>5</sup>

The Liberal Party at its 1986 Convention declared itself in favour of the establishment of a NWFZ for Canada, but not at the expense of Canada's alliance obligations.

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<sup>5</sup> *Commons Debates*, 7 March 1990, p. 8932.