

Petitions

believe that the terrible murders of 11 young people by Clifford Robert Olson and the fact—

Madam Speaker: Order. The Hon. Member is not now describing a petition. He should do that very briefly. We need not know about the background of all petitioners.

Mr. Taylor: The petitioners pray that this man be executed. In no way would women and children be safe if this man were ever released on parole. In duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray that this ancient and undoubted right of the people to present a petition be granted.

MR. STEVENS—EXTENDED AREA TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR AURORA, ONT.

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (York-Peel): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House a petition signed by some 4,000 Aurora area residents, many of whose names I recognize. The petition is addressed to the House. It asks the House to note that extended area service for telephones in our area is needed. It asks the House to take the matter up with Bell Canada, the CRTC and, in particular, that the CRTC be asked to require Bell Canada to implement extended area service in the Aurora area.

Expressed simply, today it costs more if you call Toronto for nine minutes than if you take a bus to Toronto. This has got to be rectified.

ABSENTEE BALLOTING FOR DISENFRANCHISED VOTERS

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from a large number of individuals who live on the coast of British Columbia and who in past elections have been disenfranchised by the cumbersome proxy procedure in the federal Elections Act. They and other individuals, through this mechanism of a petition, request that the Government, in time for the next federal election and in concert with the new Constitution that allows all Canadians the right to vote, seek that the Government bring forward amendments to the Elections Act that would allow these individuals the right to absentee votes.

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Madam Speaker, I have a petition to file before the House for very similar reasons to those of the Hon. Member for Comox-Powell River (Mr. Skelly), relating specifically to those people whose occupation, such as fishing, mining and the lumber industry, and who by reason either of seasonal lay-off or depending on when the election was called, are disenfranchised under the present setup of the federal Elections Act. The petitioners in this petition pray that the House of Commons will take the necessary steps to allow direct absentee balloting at the next federal election.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 4,475, 4,777, 4,778 and 4,779.

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MORTGAGES HELD BY PETRO-CANADA

Question No. 4,475—**Mr. Andre:**

Did the 1981 Annual Report of Petro-Canada indicate a figure of \$16,479,000 in mortgages and other investments included in Petro-Canada's assets and, if so (a) how much of this amount is mortgages (b) what are the names of the beneficial owners of the properties against which the mortgages are registered and what is the amount of each mortgage and the interest rate on each mortgage?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Petro-Canada reports as follows: Yes. (a) Of the \$16,479,000, \$6,900,000 is mortgages including mortgages proper and mortgage assistance. (b) The requested information is considered to be of a managerial and administrative nature between Petro-Canada and the Corporation's employees and, therefore, cannot be released to the public.

MARRIED QUARTERS AT CFB GAGETOWN

Question No. 4,777—**Mr. Howie:**

1. How many permanent married quarters are in the establishment at CFB Gagetown?
2. How many married personnel are stationed at the base?
3. Are there any restrictions on what ranks may rent PMQ's at this base and, if so, what are the restrictions?
4. What was the average monthly rent paid in (a) 1981 (b) 1982 for a three-bedroom rowhouse style PMQ, or the equivalent, at the base?
5. What was the average monthly rent paid in (a) 1981 (b) 1982 for a three-bedroom detached house at the base?
6. Will PMQ rents at Gagetown be raised in 1983 and, if so (a) for what reason (b) by what amount, on average?
7. Have any rental credits been established at the base to help offset the increased financial burden imposed by having PMQ tenants pay for their own heating fuel?
8. What is the usual fuel used for heating PMQ's at the base?

Hon. J. Gilles Lamontagne (Minister of National Defence):

1. There are 2,203 permanent married quarters at CFB Gagetown.
2. There are 1,909 married personnel.
3. None.
4. (a) \$168, (b) \$178.
5. (a) \$245, (b) \$260.
6. Shelter values may increase depending upon the outcome of the 1983 CMHC appraisal of DND MQs. Any increases in shelter charges paid in 1983 by occupants will, however, be limited to a maximum of 5 per cent above current charges.
7. Yes, for all houses with insulation below CMHC standards where the occupants are paying directly to commercial suppliers.
8. Oil.