

Petitions

MR. SKELLY—REVISION OF CONTEMPT OF COURT PROVISIONS

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition. It is addressed to the honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of the Province of Ontario, who now exercise their right to present their grievance, humbly sheweth that the existing contempt of court provisions are anachronistic, and that the greater role to be assumed by the judiciary under the Charter of Rights underlines the need for the public to have confidence in the judicial system.

Wherefore the undersigned your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to revise contempt of court laws in the next Parliament, and in the process to allow the public to make representations on the matter. And as in duty bound your petitioners ever pray.

MR. SKELLY—ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NORTH ISLAND-POWELL RIVER

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition of very serious concern to residents of Gibsons, British Columbia, Langdale, British Columbia—the sunshine coast. The petition is addressed to the honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, 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 therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that the recommendations of the Electoral Boundaries Commission of British Columbia are that the area of the Sechelt Peninsula be placed in the electoral district of Capilano-Howe Sound; that the residents of the Sechelt Peninsula share a common interest with the residents of the proposed electoral district of North Island-Powell River by reasons of geographical boundaries and by communities of interest, including common transportation concerns and a common economic base; that the residents of the Sechelt Peninsula have very little community of interest with the residents of the electoral district of Capilano-Howe Sound, that electoral district being principally an urban one; and that the inclusion of the Sechelt Peninsula in the electoral district of North Island-Powell River will not create an imbalance of population.

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Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray that the House of Commons will recommend to the Electoral Boundaries Commission of British Columbia that the residents of the Sechelt Peninsula remain within the electoral district of North Island-Powell River. As I pointed out, this was signed by a number of people from the Sechelt Peninsula.

CANADIAN MERCHANT MARINE

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to present a petition addressed to the honourable

the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition is from a number of residents of North Surrey and Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mr. Friesen: Bob Wenman would not like that.

Mr. Skelly: Maybe they feel that another presentation is required. At any rate, the petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, 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 therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of industrial benefits are not accruing to Canadians because they lack an industrial strategy, that the Government has neglected to implement a coherent industrial strategy although it promised many times in the past to do so, and that Canada's economic growth and wellbeing is being jeopardized by Government inaction.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray that the Government be encouraged to implement immediately a sensible and effective marine industrial policy which will result in the creation of a Canadian merchant fleet and the expansion of Canadian shipbuilding and allied industries.

Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to present another petition signed by individuals from Oshawa, St. Catharines, Scarborough, Downsview, Bellechasse and Montreal. This petition deals with the topic of a sensible and effective marine industrial strategy for Canada. It is addressed to—

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—to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, the petition of the undersigned citizens of Canada who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a common grievance, in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy.

Humbly sheweth that:

Canadians have been deprived of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in industrial spin-offs because we have no industrial marine strategy and the federal Government has neglected to provide Canada with a consistent maritime policy, although more than two years ago it promised to announce such a policy, and that the Government's inaction is endangering Canada's economic growth.

Therefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray that the Government be asked to adopt forthwith a consistent and effective maritime policy, resulting in the creation of a Canadian merchant marine and the expansion of the Canadian shipping industry and related sectors.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to present a further petition, addressed to the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to