

refugee claimants who although successfully established in Canada are being refused landing at the pre-inquiry humanitarian and compassionate reviews, these petitioners therefore call upon Parliament to request the Minister of Employment and Immigration and the Secretary of State for External Affairs to accept all persons registered in the refugee backlog who are established in Canada for landed immigrant status at their pre-inquiry humanitarian and compassionate reviews.

#### MERCHANT SEAMEN

**Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni):** Madam Speaker, recognizing the report that was just tabled in the House by the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs, I have a petition to present from 50 residents of my constituency.

They call on the Parliament of Canada to recognize the critically important contribution made to the defence of Canada and the victory of allied forces by Canada's merchant seamen, that merchant seamen faced grave risks in carrying out their duties, that many lost their lives or were injured, and that these risks were equivalent to those taken by other Canadian forces.

The petitioners call upon the Government of Canada to request that the government designate Canada's merchant seamen as veterans of World War II, extending all benefits accorded to veterans of the regular forces.

[Translation]

#### NATIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

**Mr. Mac Harb (Ottawa Centre):** Madam Speaker, my colleague from York West and I are introducing petitions concerning illiteracy in Canada.

Whereas Canada wishes to remain internationally competitive and keep its status as a first-class country, and whereas Canada wishes to have capable, knowledgeable workers who will be able to maintain Canada's competitiveness, whereas Canada wishes to reduce its rate of functional illiteracy, which is now 38 per cent, so as to better train these workers, for these reasons taxpayers from Quebec and Ontario want Parliament to urge the government to promote and encourage the establishment of national education standards, in consul-

tation with the provincial governments, education professionals, managers and workers, parents, young people, volunteer organizations and ordinary citizens.

[English]

#### COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

**Mr. Robert D. Nault (Kenora—Rainy River):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I would like to present a total of 28 petitions with over 1,000 signatures from people all across Canada who humbly pray and petition the House of Commons to take a serious look at the trend the government is setting with respect to collective bargaining.

Considering the fact that this House has had to bring in back to work legislation, and the fact that collective bargaining in this country is now in a very difficult position, these signatures represent those who would like Parliament to reject the imposition of wage controls and reaffirm support for free collective bargaining for Canadian workers all across this country.

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[Translation]

#### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

**Mr. Jean-Guy Hudon (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Minister responsible for Constitutional Affairs):** Madam Speaker, I suggest that all questions be allowed to stand.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Shall all questions stand?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

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#### MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

**Mr. Jean-Guy Hudon (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Minister responsible for Constitutional Affairs):** Madam Speaker, I also suggest that all notices of motion for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Shall all notices of motion stand?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.