

Petitions

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to provide Canadian farmers with parity prices based on a production price formula for wheat, oats and barley destined for human consumption in Canada and to create optional marketing boards for pork and beef. The Bill is intended to pave the way for setting parity prices for Canadian producers.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Speaker: When shall the Bill be read the second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[English]

CANADA LABOUR CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-250, an Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (grain handling).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the said bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, drought and the international subsidy wars have given grain producers enough to worry about without the age old problems of slow-downs and shut-downs in the grain handling and transportation system.

This Bill would curtail work stoppages by grain handlers and those involved in the transportation of grain from farm gate to the port. Instead, both prolonged lockouts and strikes would be prohibited. The mechanism for resolution of disputes would be immediately implemented, thereby avoiding these work stoppages which are so harmful to the Canadian producer.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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IMMIGRATION—INCREASED ASSISTANCE IN LEBANON

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition on behalf of over 200 Canadians of Lebanese origin. The petitioners are directly affected by the Syrian aggression in Lebanon.

They are very concerned about the safety and well-being of their friends and relatives. As Canadians of Lebanese descent they are aware that the Arab League of Nations has tried and failed on four successive occasions to guarantee a ceasefire in that country.

They are also aware that their people have to travel to Syria and Israel to be processed as refugees to Canada and that the consular office in Cyprus processes only immigration applications.

The petitioners are calling upon the Parliament of Canada to urge this Government to take steps to facilitate the immigration of those Lebanese who are being forced to flee their country and to increase assistance to those Lebanese who are forced to stay behind.

They further ask the Government of Canada to call for an emergency debate in the Security Council so that the United Nations will intervene immediately and energetically to remove all non-Lebanese forces from its territory.

I urge this Government to take action in supporting the sovereignty and independence of Lebanon.

REVISION OF EXTRADITION LAWS

Mr. Al Johnson (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present petitions which have been certified by the Clerk pursuant to Standing Order 36.

These petitions, which contain 1,572 signatures, call upon the Government of Canada to revise the extradition laws and to allow the Minister of Justice to order the extradition of fugitives either immediately or after they have been dealt with fully by the Canadian penal system.

I join with the petitioners in urging the Government to toughen up this aspect of our criminal justice and extradition systems.