

Petitions

Therefore, the petitioners call upon Parliament to debate and pass Bill C-678, an Act to declare Canada a nuclear weapon's free zone, which if passed, would allow Canada to act as a mediator along with other countries that wish to participate in the worldwide nuclear disarmament process. Wherefore, the undersigned, your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Mr. Speaker, to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, the petition of the undersigned citizens of the Dominion of Canada, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that Your Honourable House will therefor provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that, whereas there exists a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada, whereas this must be remedied as quickly as possible, and whereas this might best be done by calling a general federal election immediately, therefore, we the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take whatever action may be necessary to restore confidence in the Government of Canada and, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray. It is a cross-Canada petition with signatures from "Toronto the Good", Valleyview, Grande Prairie in Alberta, Maple Ridge in British Columbia; Neilburg, Saskatchewan; Birtle, Manitoba; Fox Creek, Alberta and other communities.

Mr. John Thomson (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned citizens of the Dominion of Canada, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefor provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that, whereas there exists a crisis in confidence in the Government of Canada, and whereas this must be remedied as quickly as possible, and whereas this might best be done by calling a general federal election immediately, therefore, we the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take whatever action may be necessary to restore confidence in the Government of Canada. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray. This petition is dated October 27, 1983. It is signed by residents of Kamloops, British Columbia, Calgary, Alberta, Tranquille, British Columbia, Terrace Bay, British Columbia, and a number of other ridings and communities in the Province of British Columbia.

● (1740)

Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 28 residents. They all come from Orangeville, Ontario, which is noted for having a very distinguished representative in this House, the Hon. Perrin Beatty.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is the custom in this House to refer to Hon. Members by constituency and not by name.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I was simply overcome with my admiration for the Hon. Member and I have difficulty remembering his lengthy constituency name, but I do apologize to the Chair.

The petition of the undersigned citizens, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to yours petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefor provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that there exists a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada, that this must be remedied as quickly as possible and that this might best be done by calling a general federal election immediately. Wherefore, we the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take whatever action may be necessary to restore confidence in the Government of Canada. And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Bill McKnight (Kindersley-Lloydminster): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty to present to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled the petition of the undersigned citizens of the Dominion of Canada, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefor provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that having due regard for the serious economic dilemma which faces Canada today, including widespread unemployment, business bankruptcies and personal hardships affecting millions of Canadians, and whereas the Liberal Government shows little competence in reversing this disastrous crisis, the undersigned petitioners have lost confidence in the Government of Canada and thereby insist that Parliament be dissolved and a general federal election be called immediately. Your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Translation]

MR. SARGEANT—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Terry Sargeant (Selkirk-Interlake): Mr. Speaker, I wish to present a petition.

The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada who now exercise their ancient and undisputed right to present a grievance with the full assurance that the House will remedy it.

Humbly sheweth that:

Whereas Western Canadian farmers paid \$131 million to move export grain under the Crow freight rate in the 1981-82 crop year;

Whereas this grain in turn contributed \$6.3 billion to the balance of trade;

Whereas the undersigned believe that this is the farmers' fair contribution to the Canadian economy;

And whereas Western farmers will pay one times Crow;