

marine industrial strategy because of the thousands of jobs and billions of dollars which are being lost offshore.

They are also extremely concerned that the federal Government has not implemented the law backing the new shipbuilding policy and these individuals are certainly concerned about the failure of the Government of Canada to develop a regional distribution of the new frigate program which would put the construction of two in British Columbia, two in central Canada and two in Atlantic Canada.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that the Government of Canada be encouraged to implement immediately a sensible and effective maritime policy that will result in the creation of a Canadian merchant marine and the expansion of the Canadian shipbuilding policy and allied industries in spite of the Conservative opposition to such excellent proposals.

MR. ANGUISH—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATE

Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Madam Speaker, it is my duty and privilege to present to the House of Commons this afternoon in Parliament assembled a petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, mostly from the Aneroid area and incidentally mostly members of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, who now exercise their right to present a grievance.

They humbly sheweth that western Canadian farmers paid \$131 million to move export grain under the Crow freight rate in the 1981-82 crop year. This grain, in turn, contributed \$6.3 billion to the balance of trade, that the undersigned believe that this is the farmers' fair contribution to the Canadian economy and that western farmers will pay one times Crow, which is no change.

Wherefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to maintain the present statutory Crow rate. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. MANLY—EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands): Madam Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present the petition of the undersigned citizens 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 thereby provide a remedy. They humbly sheweth that the NEED Program not be used in a manner which allows the Government to substitute long-term regular employment positions for temporary and low paid jobs under the make-work program.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to provide proper employment programs and not allow job substitution under the NEED Program to continue. And in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Petitions

MR. BENJAMIN—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATE

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Madam Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present a petition which I do so in all modesty. The petition contains 30 names of citizens from Ottawa, Edberg, Camrose, Bashaw, Peace River, Nampa and Red Deer, Alberta. They have carefully considered the alternative plan presented by the NDP caucus, by Les Benjamin, M.P. for Regina West, and urge the Parliament of Canada to adopt its provisions in order that the statutory Crowsnest Pass freight rate may be maintained and that the railways of all of Canada may be upgraded and developed into a modern and efficient transportation system.

All undersigned petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to adopt the provisions of the NDP alternative plan in order that the statutory Crowsnest Pass freight rate may be maintained and that the railways of all of Canada may be upgraded and developed into a modern and efficient transportation system.

MR. SKELLY—MARINE INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present another petition.

[*Translation*]

To the Honourable the House of Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled.

The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada who avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted rights thus to present a grievance common to all petitioners in the certain assurance that your Honourable House will thereby find a remedy.

Humbly sheweth that

Canadians have been deprived of billions of jobs and billions of dollars worth of industrial spin-offs because we do not have a marine industrial strategy.

And that the federal Government has neglected to provide Canada with a consistent marine policy, although it promised, more than twelve years ago, to develop such a policy.

[*English*]

The petitioners who have signed this petition from the community of Sept Iles in the Province of Quebec would ask that the Parliament of Canada implement a Canadian marine industrial strategy so that they may realize the full potential of employment benefits within this industrial field.

[*Translation*]

RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATE

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Madam Speaker, I would like to present a petition.

The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted rights—