

Petitions

Mr. Benjamin: Point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member is seeking to reflect on a judgment of the Chair. I call to his attention that this is not permitted. The Hon. Member for Regina East.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, the Chair informed the House that it would only recognize—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Would the Hon. Member please sit down? The Chair recognizes the Hon. Member for Regina East.

Mr. Benjamin: Another point of order.

Mr. Nielsen: He may have a new point of order. He might.

Mr. Benjamin: Point of order. I know, with all due respect, that the Chair would never countenance or take part in changing the rules in the middle of a procedure.

Mr. Axworthy: Order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member is reflecting on a judgment of the Chair.

Mr. Benjamin: Exactly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: He has repeatedly done this.

Mr. Benjamin: Exactly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair does not feel obligated in the circumstances to recognize him again on the same point of order on which a ruling has been made. The Chair now recognizes the Hon. Member for Regina East.

If the Hon. Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) has an observation, the Chair is always prepared to listen. But the Chair is asking in the circumstances if the Hon. Member for Regina East can be recognized. The Hon. Member for Yukon wishes to be recognized.

Mr. Nielsen: The only observation I have to make, and I do not want to appear to be bailing out the NDP, is that I did not hear enough of the point of order of the Hon. Member for Regina West, even though it is not my responsibility to do so. I heard one sentence. It may well be that he is going to get into an area reflecting on the judgment of the Chair and the Chair at that point would be quite correct in curbing it. But I can think of a point of order he could raise legitimately—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: With all due respect to the Hon. Member for Yukon, we cannot deal in hypothetical situations.

Mr. Nielsen: Let us hear it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Yukon is an experienced Parliamentarian, and the Hon. Member for Regina East has been recognized for the purpose of petitions.

Mr. Nielsen: He has a point of order we have not heard, for heaven's sake.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Four times we have heard it.

MR. DE JONG—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from people in and around the Swift Current area. It is addressed to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of the Province of Saskatchewan, 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 undersigned have carefully considered the alternative plan proposed by the NDP.

We, the undersigned, urge the Parliament of Canada to immediately adopt its provisions in order that the Crowsnest Pass freight rates may be maintained and the railways of Canada may be upgraded and developed into a modern and efficient transport system.

MR. DE JONG—REMOVAL OF OAKALLA CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I have another petition addressed to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of Burnaby, British Columbia, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted rights 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 Government of British Columbia has in the past assured citizens of Burnaby that all prisons in the Oakalla lands would be phased out. They feel that these buildings have outlived their usefulness and are not compatible with the abutting park land uses. Burnaby Municipal Council has expressed a desire that this facility be phased out.

Wherefore we, the undersigned, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to urge the Province of British Columbia to undertake no further construction of prison facilities on the Oakalla lands and ensure the early removal of the Oakalla correctional facilities. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. DE JONG—CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition addressed to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of the constituency of Burnaby, 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—

Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I can get some guidance from you as to the accepted pronunciation and customs of the House. Mr. Speaker, is it "showeth" or "sheweth"?