

Petitions

MR. FRIESEN—CALL FOR RESIGNATION OF GOVERNMENT

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Mr. Speaker, the undersigned residents of the Province of British Columbia 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 therefor provide the remedy. Humbly sheweth that we the undersigned, a group of concerned Canadian citizens, wish to express our disaffection with present Liberal Government policies and demand the resignation of this Government. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray. It is signed by residents of Aldergrove, White Rock, Delta, North Vancouver and Langley in British Columbia.

CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Mr. Pat Nowlan (Annapolis Valley-Hants): Mr. Speaker, I, too have a petition signed by citizens of Canada asking to avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to the petitioners in the certain assurance that this honourable House will therefore provide a remedy. The petition, in most graphic terms, talks about the crisis of confidence in Canada. It calls for an election and it says that we the undersigned humbly pray and call upon Parliament to move as soon as possible to take whatever action may be necessary to restore confidence in the Government of Canada. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Mel Gass (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I, too, have a petition to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petitioners 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 therefore provide a remedy. My petitioners humbly sheweth that there exists a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada and this must be remedied as quickly as possible, and it might best be remedied by calling a general federal election immediately. Therefore, we the undersigned 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.

MR. FRETZ—INCREASE IN ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY TOLLS

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Mr. Speaker, the undersigned residents in Canada 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 therefor provide a remedy. There has been a 100 per cent increase in Seaway tolls in the years 1978 through 1981, and they ask that there be no further increase in tolls for the use of the St. Lawrence Seaway for the foreseeable future, or at least until the shipping industry has seen a substantial recovery. Wherefore the undersigned humbly pray that your honourable House will accept the aforementioned recommendations. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. ANGUISH—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILE ON CANADIAN SOIL

Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to present a petition signed by some 321 residents of Canada who were on Parliament Hill on Saturday, October 22, expressing their opposition to the Government's decision to test the United States Cruise missile on Canadian territory. The petitioners state that the testing of the Cruise missile in Canada escalates the nuclear arms race and is therefore a serious threat to the peace of the world, and that history proves that as military strength increases, so does the temptation to use that military strength. The petitioners stress that Canada can play a more crucial role in achieving multilateral disarmament, and call upon Parliament to debate and pass Bill C-678, an act to declare Canada a nuclear weapons free zone, which would allow Canada to act as a mediator along with other countries who will participate in a worldwide nuclear disarmament process. As in duty bound your petitioners ever pray.

MR. TAYLOR—CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The undersigned residents of Canada in the towns of Vulcan, Stavely, Exshaw, De Winton and Cluny 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 therefor provide a remedy. Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to insist on a general election being called now. As in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. PATTERSON—INCREASING DIVORCE RATE

Mr. Alex Patterson (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to present a petition on behalf of almost 100 of my constituents in the riding of Fraser Valley East. The purpose of the petition signed by these people is to express their concern for the family unit as a God-given institution and a basic foundation unit of society. Believing that the rapidly increasing divorce rate and breakdown of the family unit is one of the major factors contributing to the rise of numerous social ills in our present society, they urge that Parliament oppose attempts to permit quick or easy divorce. Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to encourage the preservation of marriage and the family as a basic foundational unit of society and oppose legislative attempts to permit quick or easy divorce.

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MR. SCHELLENBERGER—LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin): Mr. Speaker, I present a petition to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. To the petition the undersigned citizens of the Dominion of Canada from the Vancou-