

ected representatives of various user groups. The Government must commit itself to developing a fisheries management policy based on consensus and consultation with user groups.

Your petitioners humbly pray that the House of Commons will urge the Government to implement an effective policy of consultation and consensus in the development of a fisheries policy rather than continuing its course of unilateral action.

MR. SKELLY—EFFECTS OF GOVERNMENT POLICY ON FISHERIES

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): The second petition is signed again by a number of fishermen from the West Coast who are vitally concerned about the nature of the industry at this time. Whereas the high cost of fuel, interest rates, mooring and other factors which have driven up the cost of fishing are a direct result of the Government's policy, and whereas fishermen contribute to the welfare of all Canadians by providing a vital food stuff through the harvesting of fish resources, therefore your petitioners humbly pray that the House of Commons will take immediate steps to relieve fishermen from these undue Government costs.

MR. SKELLY—FISH HABITAT PROTECTION

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): The third petition, Mr. Speaker, relates to one of the most important issues concerning the West Coast fishing industry, that is, habitat protection. Whereas the conflict between resource users in logging, mining land development and fishing are leading to extensive and permanent destruction of critical fish habitat on the West Coast, be it therefore resolved that the federal Government implement the following actions to protect fish habitat: Developing specific legislation to designate areas as inviolable fish habitat area throughout the—

Mr. Speaker: Will the Hon. Member get to the point of the petition, please.

Mr. Skelly: The point is that the fishermen involved wish to have some definite, positive action from the Government in protecting fish habitat rather than the weak approach it has followed. Your petitioners humbly pray that the Government act immediately to provide this support.

MR. SKELLY—EFFECTS ON FISHERMEN OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REGULATIONS

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): The second to last petition deals with a very recent event. It is again signed by a number of fishermen. Whereas the Unemployment Insurance Commission's Board of Referees ruled that special regulations for fishermen were in violation of the Charter of Rights, and whereas such decisions throw into question the Government's authority to set unemployment insurance regulations in fisheries matters, and whereas the regulations at the present cause untold hardships for already financially disadvantaged fishermen, therefore, your petitioners humbly pray that the House of Commons will take steps to introduce and improve amend-

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ments to the unemployment insurance legislation to remove this discrimination against fishermen.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member could sign his petitions before bringing them in the House. Will the Hon. Member deal with his last petition?

Mr. Skelly: I would appreciate dealing with the last petition tomorrow, if that is convenient.

Mr. Speaker: Fine.

MR. FLIS—ASSISTANCE FOR POLISH REFUGEE PHYSICIANS

Mr. Jesse P. Flis (Parkdale-High Park): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present a petition of the undersigned residents of Ontario, 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 strongly request that steps be taken by the federal and provincial Governments to help Polish refugee doctors obtain licences in as short a possible time by creating more internship positions and by establishing financial assistance for the members of this group during their period of training. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

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BELL CANADA REORGANIZATION ACT

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

Hon. Francis Fox (Minister of Communications) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-20, an Act respecting Bell Canada and to amend the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Act, the Broadcasting Act, the Canadian Film Development Corporation Act and the Radio Act.

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

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 40, 379 and 400.