

*Petitions*

the honourable House of Commons in Parliament assembled. They are very concerned about the nature of shipbuilding and allied industries on the West Coast of Canada. They have made their thoughts known through the petition of the undersigned residents 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 therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that billions of dollars in industrial benefits are not accruing to Canadians because Canada lacks a comprehensive marine industrial strategy, with the result that thousands of jobs are being lost to Asia and Europe by the failure to implement this strategy and that the federal Government neglected to implement such a coherent policy is, therefore, deliberately aiding and abetting in the loss of employment and economic opportunities in this vital sector and the economic growth and wellbeing of this country is in serious jeopardy because of the Government's inaction.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to enact soon the legislation required to implement a Canadian marine industrial policy and to develop a Canadian merchant fleet. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

It is probably relevant to pray now that the Gallup poll shows our colleagues to be at 62 per cent. The intervention may be worthwhile. We should probably pray together.

Mr. Speaker, I want to present another petition from the Province of Quebec. This petition has been gathered by the Syndicat international des marins du Canada.

*[Translation]*

To the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, the petition of the undersigned citizens of Canada who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a common grievance, in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy.

Humbly sheweth that:

Canadians have been deprived of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in industrial spin-offs because we have no industrial maritime strategy and the federal Government has neglected to provide Canada with a consistent maritime policy, although more than two years ago it promised to announce such a policy, and that the Government's action is endangering Canada's economic growth.

Therefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray that the Government be asked to adopt forthwith a consistent and effective maritime policy, resulting in the creation of a Canadian merchant marine and the expansion of the Canadian shipping industry and related sectors.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

*[English]*

This is signed by numerous individuals in the Province of Quebec in many of the communities which depend upon

shipbuilding and the allied industries for their basic livelihood. I would put my signature on and submit this for the consideration of the House.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present another petition from residents of Burnaby, B.C., who have put forward this petition to the honourable House of Commons of Canada and Parliament assembled in the hope that Parliament will give consideration to the matter which they have raised. The petition of the undersigned residents 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 therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that throughout Canada on the East Coast, along the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes and on the West Coast of Canada, and in the North along the MacKenzie delta, there have been thousands of jobs lost and billions of dollars of industrial benefits forgone. They have not accrued to Canadians because Canada lacks a coherent and effective marine industrial strategy. Canada's economic growth and wellbeing is jeopardized because of the Government's inaction in this area.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray that the Government be encouraged to implement immediately a sensible, effective and direct marine policy that will result in the creation of a Canadian merchant fleet and the expansion of the Canadian shipbuilding and allied industries. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray. As I mentioned before, this is signed by numerous residents of Burnaby, B.C.

Mr. Speaker, I have the honour once again to present a petition which has been gathered by the longshoremen's union. They have obtained many signatures of residents of the communities of Vancouver and Burnaby, British Columbia, and many areas in the Lower Mainland where marine activities associated with port facilities are of serious concern to these people. They have indicated that they are addressing their petition to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents 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 therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in industrial benefits are lost to Canada each year because Canada lacks an intelligent marine industrial strategy and that the federal Government for many years have neglected to develop and implement a coherent marine industrial strategy, even though that promise was made to the Canadian people many years ago, that Canada's economic growth and wellbeing are in serious jeopardy because of the Government's inaction.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray that the Government will immediately implement a sensible and effective marine policy that will result in Canada having a merchant fleet and expanded facilities for shipbuilding and allied industries. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.