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The petition is to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, primarily residents of the Yukon, 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 therefor provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that the survival of the Yukon placer miners is threatened by unfair changes in legislation and regulations proposed by federal Government Departments and that such changes in the legislation and regulations as those proposed by the federal Government would lead to the destruction of the placer mining industry.

Wherefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament not to enact any proposed legislation that would further threaten the security of employment in the Yukon at a time when the staggering and unprecedented level of unemployment in the Yukon threatens the very quality of life in northern communities. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray. This is dated October 21, 1983.

MR. MAZANKOWSKI—FEDERAL SALES TAX ON FARM FUELS

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I wish to present a petition to the honourable House of Commons of Canada signed by some 40 residents of Canada. The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada who 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 therefor provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that the crippling federal sales tax on farm fuels in having a very deleterious effect on farmers' incomes and input costs. They are asking that the federal sales tax on farm fuels be reduced.

Therefore, the undersigned petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take the necessary action to provide a remedy and relief in this particular area. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to present to the House of Commons. It is to the Honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. It is largely from residents of Wellington County in my constituency. In the petition the undersigned citizens of the Dominion of Canada 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 thereby provide a remedy. The petitioners demand an early general election. Therefore, we the undersigned, your 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.

Petitions

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty and pleasure to present a petition to the House of Commons on behalf of many citizens of Grand Prairie, Alberta, a community that is dependent partly on agriculture, partly on oil and gas and partly on tourism.

The objective of the petition is to bring to the attention of the House that there is a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada. Members of this community have watched bankruptcies as a consequence of the National Energy Program and they are concerned that Bill C-155 will cause similar bankruptcies in the agricultural sector. There is a shortage of jobs and the Government continues to create jobs in other parts of the country at a rate which it refuses to do for the citizens of Alberta.

The purpose of their petition is to suggest a remedy to the House of Commons and to the nation. That remedy would be a federal general election at the earliest possible moment. If Members on the other side care about Canadians, their economic wellbeing and their health, they will comply with the sense of this petition and cause an election to occur at the earliest possible moment.

Therefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take whatever action may be necessary to restore confidence in the Government of Canada, and that includes a federal general election at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure and the duty to present a petition on behalf of the fine people of Claresholm, which is in the southern part of my riding, of Stavely, Mossleigh and also from some people who were visiting there from Surrey-White Rock and Victoria, British Columbia. These people are very concerned because scores of them have lost their jobs, many farms have gone into liquidation, others fear bankruptcy and businesses fear that they will fold up. Consequently they have petitioned the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled and now avail themselves of the ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that Your Honourable House will therefor provide a remedy. One of the remedies suggested is that the petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to insist on a general election being called now before the whole country fails. As in duty bound, your petitioners ever pray.

MR. ANGUISH—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILE ON CANADIAN SOIL

Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, I would like to present to the House of Commons a petition signed by residents of the Province of Nova Scotia from such places as Mabou, Baddeck, Inverness, Sydney, Belle Cote and New Waterford. The petitioners stress that the testing of the Cruise missile in Canada escalates the nuclear arms race and is therefore a serious threat to world peace.

The petitioners further stress that multilateral nuclear disarmament must occur in order to secure peace in the world.