

remedy, humbly sheweth, having due regard for the serious economic dilemma which now faces Canada, including widespread unemployment, business bankruptcies and personal hardships affecting millions of Canadians, and whereas the Liberal Government has shown little competence in reversing this disastrous crisis, the undersigned petitioners have lost confidence in the Government of Canada and thereby insist that Parliament be dissolved and a federal general election be called immediately. Your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

MR. NYSTROM—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to present which is signed by 45 or so Canadians mainly from Alberta and Saskatchewan but also by a well-known and distinguished former journalist, Mr. Bruce Levy of Ottawa and a widely renowned and learned academic from Quebec, M. Jean Ethier of Hull. These two well-known people and the others are calling for the House of Commons to preserve the Crow rate for western farmers. They maintain that western Canadian farmers pay over \$100 million a year to move export grain under the Crow rate and that this grain is contributing over \$6 billion per year to the balance of trade, which they say is very important for all Canada, including central Canada.

Also they say that we the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to maintain the present statutory Crow rate. And, as in duty bound, your petitioners shall ever pray.

CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Mr. Speaker, it may come as no surprise to you that I have a petition to present this afternoon from a fine group of Canadians who feel that there exists a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada. They want an opportunity to remedy this as quickly as possible. They feel that that may be done by calling a general election. Wherefore, 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, of course, that is, by calling an election immediately.

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Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled a petition signed by residents from the area of Mundare, Alberta, Vegreville, Alberta, and Innisfree, Alberta. In the petitions the undersigned citizens 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 therefor provide a remedy. They humbly sheweth that there does exist a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada and that this must be remedied as quickly as possible and must be done by the calling of a federal election immediately. We, the

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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, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. BENJAMIN—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, I must apologize to the Hon. Member for Assiniboia (Mr. Gustafson). I should have sent this petition to him since I know he is an ardent proponent of keeping the statutory grain rate. He is having great difficulty, mainly with some of his own colleagues. Some 60 petitioners from Assiniboia, Scout Lake, Lafleche, Rockglen, Lesieux, Kildeer, Lakenheath, Meyronne and Ottawa, humbly sheweth that the undersigned have carefully considered the alternative plan proposed by the New Democratic Party and call upon Parliament to adopt the provisions of the New Democratic Party alternative plan in order that the statutory Crowsnest Pass freight rate may be maintained and that the railways of all of Canada may be upgraded and developed into a modern and efficient transport system. These petitioners do humbly pray.

CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition that has been signed by a number of Canadian citizens from Kimberley, B.C., Wycliffe, B.C., and Brantford, Ontario. The petition of the undersigned citizens of the Dominion 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 therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that there exists a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada, that this must be remedied as quickly as possible, and that this might best be done by the calling of a general federal election immediately. 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, and, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 28 residents of towns of Mount Forest, Guelph, Kenilworth, Ontario, and R.R. 4 Kenilworth, Ontario. They 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 provide a remedy. They humbly sheweth that there exists a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada and that this must be remedied as quickly as possible and that this might best be done by calling a general federal election immediately. 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, and, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and duty to present a petition on behalf of some of