

*Petitions*

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Gimaiel:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, one last time for a few minutes.

[*English*]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Chair has recognized the Hon. Member for Lac-Saint-Jean twice. I can understand his frustration, but I assure him that his frustration is only equalled by that of the Chair.

[*Translation*]

I recognize the Hon. Member for Lac-Saint-Jean (Mr. Gimaiel) for the last time.

**Mr. Gimaiel:** Mr. Speaker, I am taking one more minute to make you understand clearly what I want. I want the petitions deferred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections for a verification of their authenticity. I would ask for a ruling, Mr. Speaker, because—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Standing Order 71 states very clearly what is to be done with the petitions tabled in the House. As Deputy Speaker of the House, I have no authority, I cannot change the Standing Orders of the House.

● (1750)

[*English*]

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present a single paged petition with the bona fide signatures of 37 residents of Canada from the communities of Gilbert Plains, Manitoba; Canora, Saskatchewan, and Endeavour, Saskatchewan, and Basswood, Manitoba, 34 of whom are members of the Saskatchewan and Manitoba Wheat Pools. It is a separate, single paged petition with the same preamble. Addressed to the Parliament assembled, the petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, who now exercise their right to present a grievance, humbly sheweth that western Canadian farmers paid \$131 million to move export grain under the Crow freight rate in the 1981-82 crop year. This grain, in turn, contributed \$6.3 billion to the balance of trade. The undersigned petitioners believe that this is the farmers' fair contribution to the Canadian economy and that western farmers will pay one times the Crow rate.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament and Government and certain Members thereof to maintain the present statutory grain rate. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Orders, I should like to present a petition on behalf of the undersigned from many towns of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, a petition signed by 32 people.

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—

Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to speak with—

[*English*]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. The Hon. Member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom).

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Nystrom:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for your cooperation.

The 32 citizens of Canada I just mentioned:

Humbly sheweth that:

In view of the fact that western Canadian farmers paid \$131 million to move export grain under the Crow freight rate in the 1981-82 crop year;

Secondly, Mr. Speaker,

In view of the fact that this grain in turn contributed \$6.3 billion to the Canadian balance of trade;

Thirdly,

In view of the fact that the undersigned believe that this is the farmers' fair contribution to the Canadian economy;

And in view of the fact that western farmers will pay one time Crow;

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to maintain the present statutory grain Crow rate.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, this is a very important petition for us in the Province of Saskatchewan and everywhere in Canada.

[*English*]

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present a petition in essentially the same words as those read by some of my colleagues. This petition is from the citizens of Canada, especially from the Province of Saskatchewan and the communities of Cornach, Fife Lake, Assiniboia and Rockglen.

To the Honourable House of Commons in Parliament assembled, the petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, who now exercise their right to present a grievance, humbly sheweth that western Canadian farmers paid \$131 million to move export grain under the Crow freight rate in the 1981-82 crop year. This grain, in turn, contributed \$6.3 billion to the balance of trade. The undersigned believe that this is the farmers' contribution to the Canadian economy, and that western farmers will pay one times the Crow rate, that is, there will be no change.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to maintain the present statutory grain rate, or the Crow. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.