

Petitions

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 now provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that Canadians are greatly concerned about the lack of safe haven for persons persecuted in Central American countries for their political beliefs and about the difficulties and dangers such persons have in making contact with the appropriate Canadian authorities to make a refugee claim.

Wherefore we, the undersigned, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to establish a well publicized program, in conjunction with international aid organizations, to assist persons wishing to escape repression to safely make known their desire to claim refugee status in Canada, and to be expeditiously accommodated. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. HEAP—INTEREST RATES

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have a 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 there is great public concern regarding the present interest rates and their inflationary effect on the Canadian economy.

Wherefore, we the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to legislate a maximum interest rate of no more than 1 per cent above the rate of inflation. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. HEAP—IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES FROM FASCIST COUNTRIES

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition which I will now present to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. This 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 immigrants and refugees from countries ruled by Fascist dictators are not given equal opportunity with immigrants from Communist countries, and that these immigrants suffer the indignities of torture, repression and imprisonment.

Wherefore we, the undersigned, do humbly pray and call upon Parliament to request the Government to review its policies regarding immigrants and refugees from these countries. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. HEAP—IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition to the honourable House of Commons of

Canada in Parliament assembled. This 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 immigrant and refugee groups strongly feel that the recent consultation process on immigrant settlement programs did not permit sufficient time for proper input.

Wherefore we, the undersigned, do humbly pray and call upon Parliament to petition Cabinet to make no decisions concerning the policy framework for resettlement, integration, adaptation and language training prior to additional consultation among representative constituencies of the non-governmental agencies, the Provinces and the federal Government, and, further that the consultation process be extended until the resumption of Parliament for the fall session. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. HEAP—CALL FOR MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a 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 presently no one federal department or Minister is responsible for the needs of children and their families.

Wherefore we, the undersigned, do humbly pray and call upon Parliament to appoint a Minister responsible for children to ensure that their futures are protected. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. HEAP—INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to the honourable House of Commons 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 whereas there is a dearth of secondary manufacturing industries in Atlantic Canada, we, the undersigned, do humbly pray and call upon Parliament to promote the expansion of light manufacturing industry and other industries based on fishing and other maritime resources in Atlantic Canada in order to provide work and income security and to preserve the seagoing way of life. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MR. HEAP—PUBLIC OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF COMPANIES

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have a 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