

*Petitions*

may, and could eventually, plunge the world into a nuclear holocaust.

## CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

**Hon. Ron Huntington (Capilano):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to present from some people in the most beautiful riding in Canada to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. 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 the petitioners, in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefor provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that there is a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada and that this must be remedied as quickly as possible by the calling of a general federal election immediately.

Wherefore, 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.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** The Hon. Member for Surrey-White Rock-North Delta (Mr. Friesen), the whistling bird.

**Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta):** Mr. Speaker, I take it the Hon. Member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington) was referring to Surrey-White Rock-North Delta.

**Mr. Huntington:** No, I was not, and you know it.

**Mr. Friesen:** I have a petition to present to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. 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 the petitioners, in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefor 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 calling a general federal election immediately.

Wherefore, 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. It is signed by the residents of Surrey, White Rock, Vancouver, West Vancouver, and North Vancouver.

**Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to present to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned citizens of the Dominion of Canada from the Prince George area of British Columbia, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance common to the petitioners, in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefor provide a remedy,

humbly sheweth that there exists a crisis of confidence in the Government of Canada and that the best way to remedy it is to call a federal election immediately.

Wherefore, 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. SARGEANT—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

**Mr. Terry Sargeant (Selkirk-Interlake):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition to the House of Commons from residents of my constituency in the Province of Manitoba, in particular from the fine communities of Riverton and Gimli, Manitoba. To the honourable House of Commons of Canada and Parliament assembled, we, the undersigned residents of the Province of Manitoba, exercise our right to present a grievance which humbly sheweth that the Crow rate is an important benefit to western Canada and one of the earliest incentives granted to settlers; that the changing of the Crow rate will reduce farm incomes, contribute to the breaking up of communities on branch lines and increase trucking and road costs; and that three Royal Commissions have recommended retention of the Crow rate.

Wherefore, we the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to maintain the Crow rate in perpetuity as currently guaranteed in statute. And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will humbly ever pray.

## MR. HAWKES—CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

**Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West):** Mr. Speaker, it is my duty, and indeed it is a pleasure, to present a petition on behalf of many citizens of the City of Winnipeg, the home of the "never to be forgotten" but "soon to be replaced" Minister of Transport (Mr. Axworthy). The objective of this petition is to indicate clearly to the federal Government the urgent crisis which exists in Canada today and which all of us can see in terms of unemployment, bankruptcies and considerable difficulty. The purpose of the petition is to ask the Government of Canada to call a federal general election at the earliest possible date so that that crisis can be overcome and the country can return to being healthy.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, the petitioners hope their petition will be examined, that the Chair will find their petition acceptable and realize the urgency of their plea, and that the Chair will make use of its discretionary powers to allow this petition to be considered and refer it as soon as possible to committee.

[*English*]

**Mr. Alex Patterson (Fraser Valley East):** Mr. Speaker, 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 therefor provide a