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For these reasons, the petitioners humbly ask Parliament to [Translation] require air bags in the front seat of cars and adjustable seat belts with shoulder straps for rear-seat passengers.

[English]

SUB-POST OFFICE AT LAKE BONAVISTA

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and privilege today to present to this House a petition signed by more than 1,900 residents of Lake Bonavista who object to the closing of Sub-post Office No. 102 located in the Lake Bonavista Promenade Shopping Mall and whereas Shoppers Drug Mart, Lake Bonavista Promenade Shopping Mall, is willing to have the said post office relocated in that store, and whereas Canada Post has refused to transfer the said sub-post office, the petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to re-establish a sub-post office in the lake Bonavista shopping mall.

OPPOSITION TO BILL C-55—REFUGEE DETERMINATION

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions to present to the House of Commons and through it to the Government of Canada.

The first one comes from Canadian citizens and residents from the Cities of Mississauga and Brampton in the Metro Toronto area. They complain and petition the Government to change the fundamental aspects of Bill C-55, the refugee determination Bill which is currently before the House. They argue that the Bill is largely unchanged, that there is still a prescreening stage, that there is still a third safe country concept to be established by the Government and that the weak appeal system to the Federal Court is completely unacceptable. These petitioners are asking the Government to reconsider these three major objections that have been the source of much aggravation in our country.

CLOSING OF EMBASSY OF ECUADOR

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, my second petition deals with the question of the embassy that was in Ecuador. It comes from petitioners in Oshawa, Toronto and the City of Etobicoke.

These petitioners in three different petitions ask the Government of Canada to reconsider the closing. This is causing extreme hardship with waiting periods of as long as six months, and people have to go to Bogota, Colombia which is the closest Canadian Embassy office. They ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) to reconsider his decision to close the embassy.

OUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

AIR CANADA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACT

TIME ALLOCATION MOTION PURSUANT TO S.O. 117

Mr. Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. On Friday, the Minister of State for the Treasury Board (Mr. Lewis) got to his feet, and, as recorded at page 16127 of Hansard, purported to give the notice required for an order to be made under Standing Order 117 of the Standing Orders with respect to time allocation for the completion of the debate on second reading of Bill C-129, a Bill to enable the privatization of Air Canada. According to Hansard, the Minister of State and Deputy Government House Leader said:

Mr. Speaker, a question or comment. I wish to advise that since an agreement could not be reached under the provisions of Standing Order 115 and Standing Order 116 with respect to an allocation of time for the second reading of Bill C-129-

He then went on to say:

I therefore, under the provisions of Standing Order 117, give notice of my intention to move a time allocation motion at the next sitting of the House for the purpose of allocating a specified number of days or hours for the consideration and disposal of the second reading stage of the said Bill.

I want to draw your attention, Sir, to Standing Order 117. It provides the basis for the notice purported to be given by the Deputy Government House Leader on Friday. It says in part:

A Minister of the Crown who from his or her place in the House, a previous sitting, has stated that an agreement could not be reached under the provisions of Standing Orders 115 or 116 in respect of proceedings at the stage at which a public Bill was then under consideration either in the House or in any committee, and has given notice of his or her intention to do so-

And so on. This means that in order to determine whether Standing Order 117 can be invoked in the way intended by the Government we have to look at Standing Orders 115 and 116. Standing Order 115 says, in part: