

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, June 4, 1987

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

PETITIONS

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF ARBITRATOR—SETTLEMENT
WITH FRED TURNER

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, I have the duty and honour to present a petition from citizens in Ottawa and district. They state that Turnair of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, whose representative appeared as a witness for the CTC, had its operating authority cancelled by the CTC after appearing before it, forcing Fred Turner, its operator, into bankruptcy. The cancellation of his licence is what bankrupted him.

Whereas the Queen's Privy Council of Canada later returned his operating authority and offered \$15,000 in compensation but did not consult or negotiate with him, the petitioners humbly pray and call upon the House that an independent arbitrator be assigned to this matter to investigate the details of the case and to review and to negotiate the offer from the federal Government with Fred Turner in order to reach an equitable settlement which better reflects the true nature of his loss. For this the petitioners and this Hon. Member humbly pray.

[*Translation*]

REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO ROAD SAFETY REGULATIONS

Mrs. Thérèse Killens (Saint-Michel—Ahuntsic): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by residents of Trois-Rivières and Halifax who are calling upon Parliament to amend the existing highway safety regulations. The petitioners believe that the rear seat-belts in passenger cars are presently inadequate and that the suffering of car-crash victims could be reduced or avoided.

They also believe that the cost of medical care for car-crash victims can be reduced or eliminated.

For all these reasons, the petitioners urge Parliament to institute mandatory installation of three-point adjustable lap-

shoulder seat-belts for rear seat passengers. They are also asking for installation of front seat air bags.

Mr. Speaker, if I may, I have a second petition. This petition is signed by residents of Midland, Ontario, Elmvale, Ontario, Petaigan and Orillia, Ontario.

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[*English*]

Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House a petition signed by residents in different parts of Ontario who are calling upon Parliament to amend the existing Canadian Safety Standards for rear seat-belts in passenger cars. The petitioners believe that the rear seat-belts in passenger cars are presently inadequate and that the suffering of car-crash victims could be reduced or avoided. They also believe that the cost of medical care for car-crash victims can be reduced or eliminated. For all these reasons, the petitioners urge Parliament to institute mandatory installation of three point adjustable lap-shoulder seat-belts for rear seat passengers. They are also asking for installation of front seat air bags.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

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

Mr. Speaker: Shall the questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION ACT, 1986

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed from Wednesday, June 3, consideration of Bill C-18, an Act respecting national transportation, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Transport; and Motion No. 4 (Mr. Benjamin, p. 6706).

Mr. Speaker: There has been a great deal of discussion with respect to amendments to Bill C-18. Hon. Members will, of course, agree that the process which is now a custom in this