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Mr. Lewis: Madam Speaker, I think it is fair to say that most of the items we are and will be dealing with in the month of June have been on the Order Paper for some time. On those that have not there has been sufficient discussion, either at committee level or among the Parties and the critics.

In response to the comments of the House Leader for the Official Opposition (Mr. Gray), I think it is fair to say that the achievement of the government business during the month of June has been as a result of co-operation from both the Official Opposition and the New Democratic Party. The package is coming together nicely due to the co-operation we have received.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

PETITIONS

OPPOSITION TO RESTORATION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Mr. Aurèle Gervais (Timmins—Chapleau): Madam Speaker, it is my duty to table a duly certified petition which was forwarded to me by Reverend Jackson Strapp, Pastor of the First United Church in Timmins. The petition is signed by Reverend Strapp and 46 members of his congregation including residents of Timmins—Chapleau.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to defeat the motion introduced in the House of Commons on February 16 supporting in principle the restoration of the death penalty in Canada.

UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO FAIR ORAL HEARINGS BEFORE REFUGEE BOARD

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Madam Speaker, it is my duty and privilege to present a petition from approximately 100 residents of Spadina in the City of Toronto who point out that there are many people who are in need of refuge in the world and that while Canada has had a fairly good system for considering their claims, the system has broken down and that a new one has been proposed by the Standing Committee which has wide public support. However, recent government actions in turning away refugee claimants from our borders are putting real refugees at risk.

Therefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to enact legislation which will embody the principles of fair and complete oral hearings of claimants before a refugee board independent of the Immigration Commission, universal access to such hearings for every claimant in Canada, and a fair chance to arrive in Canada to

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present this claim. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS AT ARMED FORCES BASE AT GOOSE BAY

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Madam Speaker, I have a petition from a number of residents of Victoria, B.C., who are concerned that the low-level flight training of NATO pilots at the Canadian Forces Base in Goose Bay, Labrador, not only disrupts the way of life of the native people there but also that the training of pilots to fly under radar into eastern Europe constitutes a provocative and aggressive war-fighting action which tends to endanger world peace.

Therefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to ensure that the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) end all low-level flight training at the Goose Bay Canadian Forces Base and cease negotiations with NATO for establishment of a larger base there. In duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

[Translation]

CANADA POST—OPPOSITION TO CORPORATE PLAN

Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland—Kent): Madam Speaker, it is my duty to table a petition from residents in my riding from Notre-Dame, Cocagne, Grande-Digue, Saint-Antoine and Buctouche. Your petitioners are concerned about the Canada Post Corporation's new corporate plan that will create two classes of citizens, and your petitioners humbly pray that Parliament reject Canada Post's plan.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, Question No. 118 will be answered today.

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SHARED TIME AT TEST RANGE, NANOOSE BAY, B.C.

Question No. 118-Mr. Manly:

Does an agreement exist between Canada and the United States with respect to allotted sharing of time at the test range at Nanoose Bay in British Columbia and, if so, in 1986 (*a*) what percentage of time did Canada use (*b*) what percentage of Canada's unused time was taken by the United States and what compensation did Canada receive for unused time?

Mr. Bud Bradley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): Yes. (a) 11 per cent; (b) 3.15 per cent— \$771,509.

*Canadian usage in 1985 was over 30 per cent. The Canadian usage figure for 1987 will be above the low usage rate for 1986.