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modest 3.8 per cent, compared with a 12 per cent increase for loans to large corporations.

In the same period 450,000 new jobs were created by small business. By contrast, large organizations cut 96,500 people from their payrolls.

Most will know that last year the financial institutions increased their service charges, in some cases by 400 per cent. Now they want us to believe they are doing us a favour by reducing service charges to small businesses by 10 per cent. They control the majority of lending to business. Given that position, they are not just responsible to their shareholders, they are responsible to the country.

The big six have two choices: Change their ways or get ready for the onslaught of new banks in this country.

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QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Mr. Doug Fee (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, today is the 40th anniversary of an historic event. On June 2, 1953 our sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II, was crowned Queen of Canada and took an oath to govern the peoples of Canada and her other realms according to their respective laws and customs. In response to this oath parliamentarians, new citizens and those entering into the Queen's service take a reciprocal oath of allegiance to Her Majesty.

Four days prior to her coronation the Queen issued a proclamation under the Canadian Royal Style and Titles Act officially adopting the title of Queen of Canada, thereby fulfilling the dreams of the Fathers of Confederation who often referred to Queen Victoria as the Queen of Canada.

I would like to quote two famous Canadians, one a Conservative and one a Liberal, who lived a century apart. Sir George-Étienne Cartier said that the monarchy was the essential element of the Constitution and Vincent Massey said: "The monarchy is essential to us. Without it as a bastion of Canadian nationality, Canadian purpose and Canadian independence we could not remain a sovereign state".

God save the Queen.

VISITORS' VISAS

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Madam Speaker, today's edition of *The Ottawa Citizen* highlights the frustrations faced by Canadians with relatives still residing in their former countries such as Lebanon, Guyana, and India, to name a few.

Many of those relatives would like to visit Canada before the death of loved ones and not just for burial ceremonies. The government seems to assume that everyone applying to enter Canada from a country with civil unrest or poverty will stay illegally even when the applicant has a spouse, two children and a family business back home.

Canada is now home to over four million foreign-born people, representing 16 per cent of the population. I call on the Minister of Employment and Immigration to review the duty of overseas officers in deciding to issue or not issue visitors' visas. Let us have fair and equal treatment.

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TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

Mr. Bill Casey (Cumberland—Colchester): Madam Speaker, the new Government of Nova Scotia has announced that it will review the route for the new Trans-Canada Highway. I believe that the government is obligated to do this review as it campaigned on that promise and would be criticized if it did not follow through.

Having said that, I am very concerned about the people who are so very much affected by any change in this route. People's lives, homes, and businesses will all be destabilized during this review. As well, a lengthy delay would result in more tragic accidents on the present Trans-Canada Highway.

I urge that the new government consider all points of view from all the communities involved. I also urge the people who are affected to make their points of view known to the provincial department of transport.

I trust that we can take the politics out of this decision and choose the best route for all Nova Scotians. I pledge to do all I can to work with the new government to help resolve the issue.