

Questions on the Order Paper

UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO FAIR ORAL HEARINGS BEFORE REFUGEE BOARD

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from an equal number of residents of Toronto who are concerned about Canada's laws governing the admission into Canada of people seeking refugee status. Since our system was overloaded a new system was proposed by the standing committee a year and a half ago which has the support of the churches, the Jewish Congress, and many other groups in Canada.

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

CANADA POST—OPPOSITION TO CORPORATE PLAN

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition with regard to the Post Office. These several thousand petitioners from across the country indicate that the federal Government's proposal to seek financial self-sufficiency by 1988 for the Canada Post Corporation will result in cut-backs and deterioration in service at the Post Office which will consequently be at the expense of service for Canadian consumers.

The proposed measures have already resulted in the closure of many rural post offices and cancellation of routes in rural communities and mean a drastic reduction in service for many Canadians. Postal rate increases affect all Canadians while basic services are being cut. The federal Government has not enabled the Canada Post Corporation to pursue revenue-generating activities such as electronic mail and parcel delivery.

The undersigned call on Parliament to instruct the Government to make improved service the highest priority of the Canada Post Corporation and to instruct the Government to abandon the policy of closing rural post offices and cancelling rural postal routes.

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty to present a petition on behalf of 40 petitioners from the community of Parson, B.C., who have particular concerns about the quality of service of the Post Office. They ask the House of Commons to try to improve service as well as change the policy of closing rural post offices and cancelling rural postal routes.

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Mr. Doug Lewis (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: Shall the questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S. O. 29

FREE TRADE—INCLUSION OF CANADA-U.S. AUTO PACT IN NEGOTIATIONS

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 29 I ask leave to propose a motion to adjourn the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the discovery of information that the Government, despite assurances to the contrary, is, in the course of its free trade negotiations with the United States, including the likely dismemberment of the Canada-U.S. Auto Pact and has already agreed to drop our auto tariffs which are vital to the enforcement of the Canadian content provisions of the pact.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Windsor West has raised a matter which is, of course, of importance to all Members of the Chamber, as has been evidenced over a long period of time as the subject of some discussion in the Chamber. However, without minimizing to any degree the importance of the matter, the Chair feels that, at least for the moment, the application ought not to be granted. As I say, that is for the moment.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Mazankowski:

That this House supports, in principle, the reinstatement of capital punishment and directs that a special committee on reinstatement, composed of 15 members, be established, hold hearings and make its final report to the House no later than three (3) months following the adoption of this motion, such report to provide recommendations on:

- (a) which offence or offences should carry the death penalty, and in what circumstances;
- (b) which method or methods should be used to carry out the penalty of death, and in what circumstances;

That, pursuant to Standing Order 107(1), this special committee be hereby appointed as a committee to prepare and bring in a bill no later than three months following the adoption of this motion, founded on the committee's