

Order Paper Questions

LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS AT ARMED FORCES BASE AT GOOSE BAY

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition from a number of Canadians living in Surrey, White Rock, Delta and Vancouver, British Columbia, as well as Toronto, concerning the low-level flight training conducted at the Goose Bay, Labrador, Canadian Forces Base on behalf of a number of NATO air forces. They are concerned that it disrupts the life of the native people there and damages the environment and is in fact not defensive but a provocative and aggressive war fighting action tending to endanger world peace. Therefore, they request that Parliament ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to ensure that he will end all low-level flight training at Goose Bay and cease negotiating with NATO for the establishment of a larger base there.

[Translation]

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by citizens of Toronto who are concerned, not just for themselves but for all Canadians.

• (1530)

[English]

These petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to ensure that the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) end all low-level flight training at the Canadian Forces Base in Goose Bay and cease negotiations with NATO for the establishment of a larger base there.

[Translation]

Mr. Clinch: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I have a little problem with a petition sent to me by 11,500 of my constituents. This petition is addressed to the Government of Canada and not to the Parliament of Canada. The petitioners are asking for a study by the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Beatty) and they make requests concerning the military camp at Tracadie. I seek the unanimous consent of the House to table this petition, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

REQUEST FOR BENEFITS—CAMP TRACADIE

Mr. Roger Clinch (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of External Relations): I thank you, Mr. Speaker, as well as all other Members of the House.

I am pleased to table a petition signed by 11,500 citizens of the Tracadie area who are asking the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Beatty) to review all steps towards the expansion of the military camp in Tracadie and seeking increased security for the citizens living in the vicinity of the military camp. They wish to obtain improved and more frequent access to the camp as well as major economic spin-offs for the region.

OPPOSITION TO CLOSURE OF POST OFFICES

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table today in the House petitions signed by 1,980 residents of Glengarry—Prescott—Russell, in addition to the more than 1,400 petitions which I tabled in the House the day before yesterday who also from the people of my riding who strongly oppose the possible closure of rural post offices in my riding.

Mr. Speaker, these petitions are signed by residents of communities such as Applehill, Dalkeith, Hammond, Sarsfield, which is my native village, as you probably know, Mr. Speaker, Casselman, Bourget, Saint-Eugène, Hawkesbury, Bainsville, Lancaster, Orléans, Alfred, Plantagenet, Limoges, Vars and others in the Glengarry—Prescott—Russell constituency, as well as by residents of the Stormont—Dundas constituency who have sent me their representations, especially those in Williamstown who are very angry about the plan of the Conservative Government to close rural post offices.

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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 questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it agreed?

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker, I shall naturally give my agreement, but I would like to point out once more that one question has been on the Order Paper for two months already, in violation of Standing Order 63, I believe, which states that the Government must reply within 45 days. I am willing to wait a bit longer since I have had the assurance of the Government that I will get an answer in the very near future. I hope that this will indeed be the case.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall all questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[English]

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I request that all motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall all motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand?