

*Petitions*REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF ARBITRATOR—SETTLEMENT
WITH FRED TURNER

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, I have another petition for which I know the Hon. Member from the Northwest Territories will renew his support. It has to do with the bankruptcy of Fred Turner, Turnair and the decision of the CTC to cancel his licence to operate an airline in 1983.

The petitioners call upon the House to assign an independent arbitrator to this matter in order to investigate the details of the case and to review and 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.

[*Translation*]

OPPOSITION TO REINSTATEMENT OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to introduce a petition from the parishioners of Saint-Louis-de-France in my constituency who object to the reinstatement of capital punishment. They believe that the right to life is a sacred principle and that God alone is entitled to take it away, that a civilized people cannot approve revenge and that a judicial mistake can definitely seal the fate of an innocent individual.

Mr. Speaker: I thank the Hon. Member.

[*English*]

REQUEST FOR INQUIRY INTO USE OF CHEMICAL PESTICIDES

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition on behalf of a number of petitioners from Kaslo, Silvertown, and Nelson, British Columbia, as well as a number of petitioners from the Province of Ontario who are drawing to the attention of the House of Commons the fact that increasing numbers of chemicals used as herbicides and insecticides have been proved to have harmful effects on human health. They list a whole number of concerns which I will not go into since we will have an opportunity to look at this matter later.

They ask the House of Commons to initiate a full public inquiry into the safety, testing, registration and regulation of the use of pesticides, suggesting that we examine alternative ways of controlling pests by such methods as biological control and plant-derived pesticides.

SUPPORT FOR REINSTATEMENT OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Mr. Fred McCain (Carleton—Charlotte): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present some 65 petitions from citizens from a wide range of locations in Canada all of whom petition and pray that it should be in the best interest of good order in society that the capital punishment motion should go forward and that the return of capital punishment should be given consideration by this Parliament.

OPPOSITION TO CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I also have a number of petitions to present. In order to save the time of the House of Commons I will present all 16 petitions now and list off the communities from which they come. They are: Elliot Lake, Ontario; Blind River, Ontario; Moncton, New Brunswick; Riverview, New Brunswick; Hillsborough, New Brunswick; Thunder Bay, Ontario; Fort St. John, B.C.; Dawson Creek, B.C.; Vancouver, B.C.; Toronto, Ontario; Scarborough, Ontario; New Glasgow, Pictou, Trenton and Stellarton, Nova Scotia; Mississauga, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Sudbury and London, Ontario; St. Thomas, Kitchener, Huron Park, Aylmer, Keewatin, Windsor, Tecumseh, Elgin, and Nipigon, Ontario; and Fredericton, New Brunswick.

In these petitions hundreds of Canadians express their concern with respect to the Government's intention to pass Bill C-22 into legislation. They believe that it will unfairly hurt those Canadians whose health needs require the purchase of prescription drugs on an ongoing basis. They believe that the federal Government's proposal will result in higher costs to provincial government drug plans. They also believe that this is another example of the Canadian Government making concessions to the United States at the expense of average Canadians in the free trade negotiations.

OPPOSITION TO CANADIAN PARTICIPATION OR SUPPORT—SDI

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty to present a petition from all parts of Canada containing some 8,978 signatures. The petition, following the new rules, is commendably brief.

To the honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled; whereas the United States Strategic Defense Initiative, or star wars, is a dangerous escalation of the nuclear arms race and over 50 Nobel Prize winning scientists have condemned it as economically disastrous and strategically destabilizing, the undersigned petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to firmly guarantee that there will be no testing, development, manufacture or deployment of SDI systems or components in Canada; end all Canadian political support for SDI and actively support positive alternatives to SDI, including; strengthening the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, the establishment of an international satellite-monitoring agency and a ban on all nuclear weapon testing.

SUPPORT FOR REINSTATEMENT OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Mr. Jim Caldwell (Essex—Kent): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present on behalf of citizens of the Province of Ontario and other Canadians from all across the country 2,000 signatures calling upon this Parliament to pass a motion favouring the return of capital punishment. These signatures, which now total over 24,000, represent the strong will of the Canadian people on this important issue.