

important that we recognize the professional knowledge of nurses and that we treat them in a much more professional manner, respecting their knowledge of what is happening in hospitals and communities. Nurses should be treated on a more equal footing in all of these matters.

In the House of Commons we must be more accepting of the knowledge nurses have with regard to the actions of Government and how the actions will hurt people in the health care field. I point out that nurses are among a number of groups who came forward and spoke against the Government's plans on Established Programs Financing and on equalization. Obviously, because of their own knowledge of what is happening in communities and the hospitals, nurses understand the implications of government services.

On a more personal matter, I would like to point out that the national headquarters for the nurses union happens to be in Thompson, Manitoba. Cathy Connors from my area is the president. It is one of the few national offices that happens to be located in Thompson, Manitoba. I congratulate the nurses for the foresight in picking a great location for national headquarters because it really is the centre of Canada.

On another matter which is perhaps more serious, and certainly a concern of mine and I know of the Minister's, there is a real problem in getting a full complement of nurses in remote communities, which is a direct responsibility of the Minister. The medical services branch has been unable to have a full commitment of nurses, in the almost eight years that I have been a Member of Parliament, in the native communities in my riding. I do hope the Government in recognizing the value of nurses would especially recognize that in native communities, nurses are not just the first line of service, they are the only line of service of any professional help for the health and life of people in those communities.

I hope the Government will make a commitment this week in recognition of the declaration which the Minister just made to ensure that there is a full complement of nurses in remote communities for our native people.

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BELL CANADA ACT

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West): Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-13, an Act respecting the reorganization of Bell Canada, I have the honour to present the Bill to the House with an amendment. May I add the comment that the amendment is a technical one, not related to the substantive provisions of the Bill.

Petitions

PETITIONS

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF ARBITRATOR—SETTLEMENT WITH FRED TURNER

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and the duty to present two petitions signed by several dozen Canadians from places such as Ottawa, Kitchener, Nepean, Perth, Lachine, Dorval, St. Leonard, St. Eustache, Montreal, Yellowknife, Lac la Martre, which is also in the Northwest Territories, in which your petitioners humbly show that the operating records of TurnAir were seized by the Canadian Transport Commission as evidence in a prosecution against an unlicensed airline. Mr. Turner was a key witness for the CTC in that prosecution.

The CTC cancelled the operating authority of Mr. Turner's airline for a minor licence violation, and this led to the repossession of his aircraft and the financial insolvency of his business. The Queen's Privy Council has returned his operating authority and offered \$15,000 compensation but did not consult or negotiate with Mr. Turner to assess the true value of his loss.

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Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray that this House of Commons will have the Government seek to have an independent arbitrator assigned to this matter 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.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF THE UNBORN—PROTECTION OF CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Mr. John Ostrom (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, I am honoured to present two certified petitions. The first one comes from some 350 constituents of Willowdale as well as residents of North York and Thornhill who support Bill M-37. The petition calls upon Parliament to amend Section 7 of the Charter of Rights to read: "everyone including a human foetus or unborn human being has the right to life, liberty and security of the person, and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice".

The second petition is from some 400 residents of the City of Ottawa and the Towns of Nepean, Kemptville, North Gower, Carleton Place, Pembroke and Arnprior, also supporting Bill M-37 which calls for Parliament to recognize fully the rights of the unborn.

UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO FAIR ORAL HEARING BEFORE REFUGEE BOARD

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty and honour to present a petition signed by more than 100 Canadians, duly certified by the Clerk of Petitions. Residents of Aurora, Stratford, St. Thomas, Pickering and Kitchener in