

nished were commensurate with traffic requirements. This they have not done in accordance with their commitment. What is most important, they are breaking faith with this commitment by abandoning the rail passenger service against the wishes of the majority of Newfoundlanders.

On a couple of occasions the minister has hinted that some reconsideration will be given to reviewing that decision regarding the rail passenger service. Certainly I hope that the study of transportation in Newfoundland will be expanded to a review of the need to fulfill the national dream which would provide a rail service from coast to coast. This service should not be from Vancouver to Halifax only, but should include all of Canada and thus cover the area from Vancouver to St. John's, Newfoundland.

I am sure that the minister, who has shown evidence of sincerity, agrees with me that the transportation policy leaves much to be desired—and here I am being kind. I hope that he will heed my remarks, and I am sure that his very capable parliamentary secretary will be able to give me the answers to the questions which I have put, and that a proper transportation service between the province of Newfoundland and mainland Canada can be assured.

**Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to let it be known to you and to the House that Newfoundland will not be left aside. Newfoundlanders will receive consideration, as does any other part of the country, with regard to their transportation problems. That is under study at present.

What I would like to point out to the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall) is that the government will not try to minimize in any way the fact that the disruption of the ferry service between Newfoundland and the mainland creates a serious problem. This we recognize. But I would like to say to the hon. member that it appears from his motion that what he wants is to take away the right to strike from the employees of the ferry service.

Is he really serious when he says that he wants to take that right away from them so soon after we have given them that privilege? This motion involves many more people. It involves dockers and those working on the wharves. If that is what the hon. member wants, let us hear from his leader, and let him inform the public that his party wants to take away the right to strike from the employees.

Is it also the policy of the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath) to take away that right from employees of the ferry service? If it is, then he also should go on the record and say plainly and clearly to people in Newfoundland that both he, the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe, and other members from Newfoundland—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Order, please. The hon. member for St. John's West wishes to rise on a point of order.

**Mr. Carter:** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for St. Boniface (Mr. Guay) is deliberately trying to mislead the House. He is pointing his finger at me and calling out my

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constituency. He is saying that we are trying to prevent people from striking. In my motion last Monday I made no reference whatever to the right of people to strike, nor did I suggest in my speech, or in my motion, nor indeed does the motion of my colleague, the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Order, please. I am sure the hon. member would not ask the Chair to ask the hon. member for St. Boniface to withdraw his remarks. What has taken place is a debate, and this is the purpose of this assembly. I know the hon. member will want to contribute to the debate later this afternoon, and he will have the opportunity then to rebut the comments of the hon. member who is speaking.

Unless the hon. member can prove to the Chair that his honour, his rights or privileges as a member of parliament have been affected, I think we should allow the parliamentary secretary to complete his remarks.

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** So far I have not mentioned the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Carter), but now I will name him with the others if he feels the same way as does the hon. member for St. George's-St. Barbe concerning the taking away of the right to strike from the ferry employees for the purpose as he says, of having a better ferry service, and I will not withdraw the previous remarks I have made.

**Mr. Marshall:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I wish the hon. member for St. Boniface would use the correct nomenclature of my constituency which is Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe.

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** I will do so, Mr. Speaker. If it is their policy, and if it is also the policy of the Official Opposition to take away the right to strike from employees, they should place it on the record of this House, and also say it to the people in Newfoundland, so that we will know that they do not speak with two tongues, one in their constituencies and one in the House.

It is about time that people heard what the Official Opposition says both inside and outside the House, as well as individual members in their constituencies.

What does the hon. member want to do? Does he want to take away the right to strike of the employees? And if they strike, does he want them placed in jail? If that is the way they want it, again they should say that that is the policy of the Conservative Party and go on the record as saying it, and not put it in the broad terms of the motion before us. May I say further, Mr. Speaker, that it is not the policy of this government to take away the right to strike from the employees.

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The government would certainly not entertain the idea of doing what the hon. member is suggesting, and that is to interfere with the right of the workers to strike, a right which was accorded to them as part of the free collective bargaining process.

The federal government recognizes the desirability of maintaining regular service between Newfoundland and the mainland, and would like to prevent problems involv-