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AIR TRANSPORT

SHORTAGE OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

Mr. Charles H. Thomas (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, although I was beginning to run out of steam I kept on rising. Last Tuesday the Minister of Transport told the house he hoped to make a statement on motions with regard to air traffic control within a day or two. Will the minister say when we may expect a statement on this subject which is so important to the safety of those who travel by air.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, hon. members have asked for a great many statements. I made one yesterday on the matter of auto safety. I would not like to hog the show, so I will put off this statement for a couple of days.

Mr. Thomas (Moncton): When the minister makes this statement would he also table the second volume of the Robinson report?

AIRPORTS

STE. SCHOLASTIQUE—USE OF JUMBO JETS AT NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Now that the economic use of jumbo jets is brought into question I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the government is considering delaying the opening of the jumbo jet airport in Quebec until a decision is made with regard to the airport itself?

[Later:]

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance which is supplementary to the question left unanswered by the Prime Minister. Does the Minister of Finance endorse the idea of spending \$500 million of the Canadian taxpayers' money on an airport to service aircraft which may not even go into service?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): If we do not have jumbo jets we will have supersonic jets.

CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

REPORTED AGREEMENT AT DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE AS TO AMENDING FORMULA

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, could the Prime

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Minister give us a little further information on the important matter which arises out of his answer yesterday that the federal government does not intend to discuss a constitutional amending formula until there has been agreement on a "certain number of questions of substance". Could the Prime Minister tell us what he had in mind when he mentioned a certain number of questions. Did he have in mind particular areas in respect of the constitution or is this a quantitative measure?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have some doubt whether this question is not a debate. However, we have a few minutes left before the end of the question period which might be used for the purpose of a reply from the Prime Minister.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Go ahead and ask your jumbo question.

Mr. Stanfield: Perhaps the Prime Minister would reply, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Trudeau: The answer, Mr. Speaker, is that the amending formula has not come under consideration yet in the discussions between the federal and provincial governments. Government policy on this particular aspect will be formulated and announced in due course. We have not yet reached any conclusion on the kind of amending formula which could be used for either amending the total constitution or various parts of the constitution.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, could the Prime Minister give us any more indication in terms of time when the government of Canada might be making the proposal or inviting the provincial governments to discuss an amending formula.

Mr. Trudeau: We have always taken the position that the question of the mechanics of the amending formula itself would be at the end of the agenda, but of course if the provinces do not agree with this—and in certain cases they have asked that we study certain things other than those which we propose—we would be open to representation in this regard.

PRICE STABILITY, INCOMES AND EMPLOYMENT

POSSIBILITY OF SITTINGS OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE DURING SUMMER RECESS

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, before Orders of the Day are