

colleague the house leader with a view to having the committee reconstituted and put back to work at an early date?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I will look into this matter right away.

AIR CANADA

REQUEST FOR IMPROVED SERVICE IN MARITIME PROVINCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Queens): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport prompted by widespread complaint about the new Air Canada schedules for many areas of the maritimes, which are alleged to be the most inconvenient since the air age began. Will the minister inquire from Air Canada as to the possibility of improving things at least up to the level of the status quo ante?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will be happy to pass on the representations of my hon. friend and get a reply for him from Air Canada.

Mr. D. V. Pugh (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker, may I ask a related question of the minister. While he is talking to the Air Canada authorities would he draw their attention to the uncleanness and poor quarters provided for Air Canada at Kennedy airport, one of the gateways to Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member has made a representation.

TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON FERRY SERVICE, SAINT JOHN, N.B.—DIGBY, N.S.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Digby-Annapolis-Kings): A supplementary question to the minister re transportation in the east. I should like to know whether the people in the Atlantic area can expect a little of the luck the minister is dispensing today and be given a positive announcement about the Digby-Saint John ferry, in view of the meeting between the minister and the mayor of Saint John on Monday.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): We are working on this too, Mr. Speaker. This one is not as easy as some of the others, but there is some reason for optimism in this case as well. It is a problem involving more

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than one agency, and it does require considerable co-ordination. I am hopeful that we can do something for the people in that part of Nova Scotia as well as on the New Brunswick side, and we are working in this direction.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the new Minister of Transport had a chance to go over the promises that his predecessor made regarding the Digby-Saint John ferry, and does he stand by those promises?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister state to this house whether the advice of the Minister of Transport to University of Toronto students to be careful of becoming overly moral with respect to the war in Viet Nam represents government policy?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I think my hon. friend dealt with that question.

BROADCASTING

IMPLEMENTATION OF CANADIAN POLICY

The house resumed from Tuesday, November 7, consideration of the motion of Miss LaMarsh for the second reading of Bill No. C-163, to implement a broadcasting policy for Canada, to amend the Radio Act in consequence thereof and to enact other consequential and related provisions, and the amendment thereto of Mr. McCutcheon. (p. 3982).

Mr. Ian Wahn (St. Paul's): Mr. Speaker, at ten o'clock last night I was speaking of the importance of obtaining balanced programs of high quality on our television and radio networks. I suggested that in order to obtain programs of high quality it was important to co-ordinate the programming activities of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the private operators, rather than have the C.B.C. and private operators competing as they now do in the provision of duplicate and unbalanced programming.