

Inquiries of the Ministry

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**REINSTATEMENT OF SUGAR REBATE TO
CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES**

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question was to have been directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs but since he is not in the House may I direct this timely question to the Prime Minister. Would he please state to the House whether his government plans to reinstate the sugar rebate to the Caribbean?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): To reinstate what?

Mr. Paproski: To reinstate the rebate on sugar to the Caribbean.

Mr. Trudeau: I will take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Paproski: Would the Prime Minister please see if he can sweeten up the pot a little?

COMMUNICATIONS**INTERFERENCE AND OVERLAPPING ON SHORT-
WAVE RADIO BANDS**

Mr. William Knowles (Norfolk-Halifax): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Has his department received representations regarding the allocation and policing of shortwave radio bands used for intercommunication by police, industry and Great Lakes ships?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I will have to make some inquiries, Mr. Speaker. I do not know of my own personal knowledge.

Mr. Knowles (Norfolk-Halifax): While the minister is looking into this, would he also ascertain what steps are being taken to rectify the considerable problem of interference and overlapping on these radio bands?

Mr. Jamieson: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

POST OFFICE**POSSIBLE NATIONAL STRIKE—COMPONENTS OF
SIX PER CENT WAGE INCREASE GUIDELINE**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the President of the Treasury Board whether or not the 6 per cent guideline as imposed or as applied in connection with negotiations in

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the Post Office includes a calculation of what are normally considered to be fringe benefits? In other words, does the 6 per cent increase include a calculation of the monetary value of fringe benefits in addition to any wage increase, or is it simply the wage or salary increase?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I think the suggestion made by Dr. Young was that the 6 per cent figure should include all wage and monetary fringe benefits.

AIR TRANSPORT**ROUTES GRANTED TO TRANSAIR—REVIEW OF
DECISION BY CANADIAN TRANSPORT
COMMISSION**

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. On April 14 he indicated he had received three appeals concerning the granting of a franchise to Transair for routes from Toronto to Winnipeg via Sault Ste. Marie. What action has he taken with regard to these appeals, has he reached any decision, and if there are documents available would he be prepared to table them?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker, a judgment was issued last week in the normal course. I understand it is not normal to table such documents in the House although I would be glad to do that. The gist of them was an instruction to the CTC to review the matter and hold public hearings by September or certainly prior to the start of the fall schedule of the airlines concerned.

TRANSPORT**MARITIME PROVINCES—PUBLICATION OF RE-
PORT OF FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Charles H. Thomas (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport and is a follow-up to a question asked him on May 22 with reference to the publication of the first report of the federal-provincial committee on transportation in the Maritimes. Has the minister had a chance to consult his provincial counterparts? If so, has he had their clearance and when may we expect publication of this report?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I made inquiries of the provinces. I am not sure whether all of