

*Inquiries of the Ministry***LABOUR CONDITIONS****POSSIBLE LOSS OF JOBS AT DOMINION ENGINEERING
RESULTING FROM LOW RUSSIAN BID FOR TURBINES FOR
MICA CREEK PROJECT**

Mr. Raymond Rock (Lachine): I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue about the possible loss of 800 to 900 jobs at the Dominion Engineering Works in Lachine, Quebec. Is the government, through its anti-dumping laws, looking into the possibility that Russia used dumping tactics when submitting her bid for the supply and installation of turbines for the Mica Creek project of British Columbia Hydro? The bid was lower by \$4,800,000.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is now making a speech. He has the floor for the purpose of asking a question, not to make a speech.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**WINTER WORKS PROGRAM—POSSIBLE CHANGE IN
MAN-MONTH REGULATION**

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration who is apparently a roster buster today. In his absence I should like to direct it to the Minister of Labour. Has there been any change in the regulations pertaining to the winter works program? In particular, I have in mind the 30 man-month regulation. Can he tell us what changes have been made, since many of the smaller communities have not been able to comply with some of these regulations?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Perhaps I may have missed the point, Mr. Speaker. The Minister of Manpower and Immigration will be away until the end of next week in connection with his responsibilities as minister in charge of immigration. With regard to the specific question which was asked concerning regulations, I am not aware, frankly, that there has been any change. I know this matter has been under consideration in light of certain representations which have been made. I will find this out today and make sure that a report is made to the House tomorrow, either by myself or by one of my colleagues.

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AIR TRANSPORT**HIJACKING—REQUEST FOR IMPROVED SECURITY
MEASURES AT AIRPORTS AND IN THE AIR**

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Transport. What steps has he taken to improve security at our airports and on our airlines in view of the latest hijacking incident and repeated requests from the Canadian Airline Pilots Association?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): A great many steps have been, and are being, taken. I am

sure the hon. member would not wish me to disclose them in detail in public. We have consulted with the pilots association at each step of the way. I do not think it is a breach of secrecy to indicate that detection devices have been installed at a number of airports and that others are on order. As soon as they have been received they will be installed. The department has agreed to pay for them so the burden will not be borne by the airlines.

Mr. McGrath: May I ask the minister what steps he is taking to improve security in the air?

Mr. Jamieson: Again, this is a very difficult question to answer briefly. I think we have taken part in every international conference which has been held on this subject. The difficulty is to devise rational responses to acts which are totally irrational. We do the very best we can, and I think that up to now our efforts have received the full co-operation of the pilots and other groups, including the airlines.

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Since most of the detection devices to which the minister has referred, or a good many of them, are installed in the major airports on a portable basis, can the hon. gentleman assure us there will be a change of policy in this regard and that permanent detection devices will be installed?

Mr. Jamieson: I cannot give a categorical answer to that question. I can say that we are trying to find the best possible solution to the problem. I am sure Your Honour would not be indulgent enough to allow me time in which to answer in detail. The volume of traffic at certain airports is much greater than at others and we are trying to deal, first, with the airports which are used most. Eventually, I hope we shall have most of our airports covered.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have to remind hon. members again that we are running short of time. I realize the importance of this question, but if hon. members feel that further supplementaries might be left until tomorrow I will recognize the hon. member for Peace River.

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COMPETITION BILL**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AND REFERENCE OF
SUBJECT MATTER TO COMMITTEE**

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Acting Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In light of the decision by the minister to withdraw the new Competition Act and bring in a new bill next session, may I ask whether the subject matter of the new bill will first be referred to a committee so that a more acceptable piece of legislation than the existing bill may be available?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): On behalf of my colleague, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, I would point out that he was really reaffirming his previous position that the present bill would not be advanced this session but that a new one would be brought forward in the next session. I do not think there is any question of withdrawing it.