

### AIR TRANSPORT

#### MEASURES TO ENSURE PROCESSING OF PILOTS' LICENCE RENEWALS IN VIEW OF AIR INSPECTORS' STRIKE

**Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport and it is supplementary to a question asked yesterday by the hon. member for Wellington. About two weeks or more ago a question was asked also by the hon. member for Huron-Middlesex regarding the licensing of civil aviators. My question relates to the fact that when the minister replied to the hon. member for Huron-Middlesex he said the following, as recorded at page 14802 of *Hansard*:

Nevertheless, some steps are being taken to deal with the situation.

In view of the backlog of some thousands of applications, can the minister indicate specifically what steps have been taken and would he consider reinstating the old mechanism which was simple and practical whereby licences could be granted by approved instructors?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, certain steps have been taken in the difficult situation of serious backlogs, including the additional extension of 30 days validity of licences pending receipt of a valid medical update. There are serious limitations, however, to any further steps which we can take because of the impact upon the whole air safety system. We are looking at one or two other items in the licensing system, but I can hold out no real promise for those affected by the current strike in the absence of a return to work.

**Mr. McKenzie:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order may I address a question to the Minister of National Defence. I asked him if there would be any new firm proposals and he said there had been none. I am in receipt of a telex that was sent by General Dextraze, chief of defence staff, to Mr. K. Patrick, president of Patrick Consultants Limited. The telex reads:

To confirm our conversation of yesterday, I would like you to present a new proposal for an Argus replacement next Thursday at National Defence headquarters. Your proposal should have the following features:

Then, General Dextraze goes on to list the features that Mr. Patrick is to present to him next Thursday. Is the minister aware of this or is this not a firm proposal?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Brisco:** Mr. Speaker, I do not question the right of the chair to deny me a supplementary question—that is not my point of order although it did follow upon a sequence of events on which my question was based—but I think that because a member remarks on the absence of a minister, which in this day and age is frequently necessary, and the minister then alludes to the fact that the particular member has not done his homework and has not provided the minister with prior notice, requires the answer that there is little point in providing the minister with prior notice when he is not in the House.

**Mr. Speaker:** The difficulty in which the hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Brisco) found himself was that he was not asking a question but rather making a representation on behalf of an individual constituent. It is difficult to

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permit the question period to be used for that purpose, although this is done from time to time, and therefore the question was put on the record. The reason for cutting the hon. member short was that—and this happens often—he got into an argument and others were waiting to ask questions of a more general scope. The question was put on the record, and in the circumstances this was sufficient since it was a representation on behalf of a constituent.

**Mr. Richardson:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I realize that the question period has ended, but in view of the question which was asked, I simply want to say that of course I was aware of the letter from General Dextraze but it does not alter in any way the answer I gave. We have not received a firm bid.

**Mr. Whittaker:** Mr. Speaker, my point of order is with regard to the ruling that you made on the question I asked the Minister of Agriculture which you said was hypothetical. This is a matter of real concern and it is being discussed. The question which I asked was, whether or not, because of the quarantine in this area for blue tongue—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Whether or not the hon. member agrees, the question was whether the minister would be prepared to move quickly if one of two things happened. In its very terms and essence it is hypothetical, and I do not see how else the chair could have ruled. In any event the question period is terminated.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### ANTI-INFLATION ACT

TABLING OF ORDERS OF ADMINISTRATOR RESPECTING WENTWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUDBURY DISTRICT ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD

**Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2) I wish to table copies, in both official languages, of two orders of the administrator under the Anti-Inflation Act. One is a disposition of the matter involving the Wentworth County Board of Education in Hamilton, Ontario, under the clerical and secretarial group, and the other concerns the Sudbury District Roman Catholic Separate School Board custodial and maintenance staff.

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### SUMMER RECESS

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, there have been quite extensive discussions among the House leaders and with various leading members in the debate on Bill C-84 as to the disposal of the remaining stages of this bill. From these discussions we have reached certain conclusions. The first is that because of the nature of the remaining motions at the report stage, the report stage could be finished today and we could then proceed to third reading this afternoon, if there was unanimous consent, or if there was not, at