

What we are trying to do is roll up our sleeves, deal with the very specific problem, and come up with a quick solution.

#### MUNICIPALITIES' DIFFICULTIES IN SECURING LIABILITY COVERAGE

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay-Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, will the Minister be as hard-headed in dealing with the problem of municipalities that she suggested in the House yesterday with respect to the sports governing bodies to ensure in the short term municipalities can get insurance at rates they can afford and the coverage they need in order to continue the programs they offer? Will she agree to do that?

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Finance)):** Mr. Speaker, I think it is very important that the municipalities continue to offer their services to the public. To the extent that is affected by insurance, we are working with them toward a solution. I think the Hon. Member will find they said that we had a very positive meeting.

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#### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

##### NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY—DISCUSSIONS WITH UNIONS

**Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber-Port au Port-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport.

This morning in Newfoundland Mr. Hubert O'Reilly of Cornerbrook, President of the United Transportation Union, issued a public statement contradicting the claim of the Minister of Transport yesterday in this House that the Government had consulted unions in Newfoundland on the future of the Newfoundland Railway. Mr. O'Reilly says he has never heard from the Minister or anyone in his Department. Why has the Minister misled the House of Commons with regard to this matter?

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Tobin:** When will the Minister be undertaking the kind of real consultation that he purported yesterday in this House was under way?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I might invite the Hon. Member to telephone Mr. Mike Walsh of BRAC. He will set the record straight for him.

##### MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

**Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber-Port au Port-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, that is the same kind—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Broadbent:** Why don't you give him the telephone number?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Just a supplementary question.

#### Oral Questions

**Mr. Tobin:** Unfortunately the Prime Minister's style is rubbing off on the Minister of Transport. BRAC is not the same as the United Transportation Union. They have not heard from the Minister, and you misled the House yesterday—

**Some Hon. Members:** Order.

**An Hon. Member:** Next question.

**Mr. Speaker:** I recognize the Member for just an immediate supplementary, and no more, please.

**Mr. Tobin:** Mr. Speaker, is the Minister aware that Terra Transport in Newfoundland has cancelled its maintenance program in spite of the fact that 57 bridges on the line between St. John's and Port au Basques have deteriorated to the point where "Go Slow" orders of 10 miles an hour have been issued in order for trains to go over those bridges? Is the Minister aware of that?

**Mr. Crosbie:** Make haste slowly.

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):** As I said yesterday, Mr. Speaker, we are examining the whole issue of transportation in Newfoundland. We are discussing it with the province, with members of the unions and other interested people. If the Hon. Member does not get a hold of Mike Walsh, he might try to get a hold of Fred Chancey who has also been involved in the discussions.

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#### PENITENTIARIES

##### KINGSTON PENITENTIARY—THREAT OF VIOLENCE

**Mr. Alan Redway (York East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. The Solicitor General is aware that he has been warned a number of times concerning the threat of serious violence at Kingston Penitentiary. Could the Solicitor General advise the House what steps he is taking with respect to this problem?

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Solicitor General of Canada):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. One of the first prisons that I had a chance to visit as Solicitor General was Kingston Penitentiary. As the Hon. Member will appreciate, one of the serious problems we have there is a building that is extremely old which was severely damaged in a riot in 1971, and it is a protective care maximum security institution.

As a result of an incident that took place last fall, we had an investigation. A report was received by the Commissioner of Penitentiaries and myself just last week. We are taking a look at it at the present time. I had the opportunity yesterday to meet with Professor Hill of the correctional law projects at Queen's University. I am looking forward to meeting him in a few week's time to discuss the matter further.