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direct my question to his parliamentary secretary. In light of the fact that Transair Limited, one of the largest regional airlines in Canada, will be facing a deficit for the first time in recent years and the statement by its president that one of the contributing factors is attributed to the federal government, may I ask where is the long overdue policy on regional airlines announced in 1966, and more recently promised by the former Minister of Transport in June, 1975 during debate on the new transportation policy?

**Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member will know that the Minister of Transport, coming from the part of the country from which he does, shares the hon. member's concern about the matter of regional air carriers. I am sure the minister will want to respond to the hon. member in some considerable detail at the first opportunity.

**Mr. McKenzie:** It is action we are interested in, not concern. As Quebecair and Nordair are allowed to have a larger volume of charter flights than Transair and other regional airlines, therefore making an excellent profit, will the minister investigate and see if more charter flights can be allocated to Transair?

**Mr. Goodale:** Mr. Speaker, I will certainly see that that particular point is drawn to the attention of the minister.

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**AIRPORTS****TORONTO—POSSIBLE LOSS OF JOBS BY SKYCAPS—  
GOVERNMENT ACTION**

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I do not see the Minister of Transport. I will direct my question to his parliamentary secretary. It deals with a question posed by the right hon. member regarding sky-caps in Toronto who are on the verge of losing their jobs, some 26 this month. I know that representations have been made to the minister. Can the parliamentary secretary bring us up to date as to whether these jobs have been saved or not?

**Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot give the hon. member that information at the moment. I will see if I can make it available to him later in the day.

**Mr. Alexander:** Mr. Speaker, I will direct my supplementary question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration whom I know will be interested in this matter. There is the possibility that by the end of this month some 26 sky-caps at terminal two will lose their jobs as a result of an American subsidiary taking over this type of service. Will the minister use his good offices to investigate this matter in order to determine whether these jobs can be saved or, in the alternative, that other employment can be offered to them?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the hon. member's suggestion and will act on it.

[Mr. McKenzie.]

**MULTICULTURALISM****PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER**

**Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister with regard to the statement made by the Minister of Labour about the future of multiculturalism in Canada. The Prime Minister has stated that he and the government maintain an interest in multiculturalism. In the interest of multiculturalism, will he give consideration to raising the status of this interest to portfolio level and having a minister in charge of that portfolio, not as an adjunct to an existing portfolio as in the case of the Minister of Labour.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member will be aware that that question, although it was quite some time ago, shortly after the beginning of this session, was asked and answered.

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**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE****DATE OF INTRODUCTION OF PEACE AND SECURITY PLAN**

**Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Justice? It has to do with reports today that we shall now be expected to wait until some time in the New Year before given details of the government's so-called peace and security plan, supposed to be available on October 14. May I ask whether these reports are true and whether it is the intention of the government to introduce the program before Christmas? Or has some snag developed?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice):** Those reports came neither from myself nor from the Solicitor General, which are the two reports which would matter in the matter. We have not run into a snag. We are working as a matter of priority to prepare legislation for presentation to the House. When it is presented will depend upon when it is ready and when the schedule of sittings of the House is determined.

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** In view of the importance of this package of legislation in the minds of Canadians, can the minister give the House any undertaking as to time, or is the foot dragging which has been going on for three years with respect to this kind of legislation to be continued?

**Mr. Basford:** I am delighted that the hon. member should be so anxious to see the legislation and, hopefully, to support it. I assure the hon. member that there is no foot dragging with regard to it. It is being prepared as fast as the draftsmen can prepare it. However, as the hon. member knows, we have been consulting with provincial attorneys general and others as to details of the measures we are proposing to introduce, and this takes time. I repeat that I regard this as a matter of priority, and so does the government. We will introduce the legislation when it is ready and when parliament can deal with it expeditiously.