

department will change the rules governing this airport to prohibit commercial jet flying between midnight and 7 a.m., as is now the case at Dorval and Malton?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, this comes as a complete surprise to me.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Jamieson: I will make the answer very short by saying that we have not received any complaints. Three of the four runways at Ottawa airport do not extend over residential areas. The fourth will be restricted. We will take a look at the other three. If this situation is going to cause disturbance to my hon. colleague's constituents, we will try our very best to keep it to an absolute minimum.

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister divert a little of that noise and jet activity to the international airport at Gander?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, as long as the hon. member represents that constituency I do not think they will need to worry about noise.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lundrigan: A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister not aware that the residents of Gander-Twillingate, after 21 years, would welcome that kind of noise in Newfoundland?

AIR CANADA

ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS FOR EDMONTON

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. I wish to ask the Minister of Transport a serious question—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Paproski:—arising out of his answer yesterday to my supplementary question. I asked the minister the following question:—would he also see to it that Air Canada comes up with a few extra flights for Edmonton?

The minister replied:

Yes, Mr. Speaker, one each for myself and the hon. member.

I realize that the minister is having trouble with his diet control and may need a private aircraft for his duties, but as a private

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member who must travel by commercial aircraft and who has had his diet controlled—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Paproski:—I am concerned because Edmonton has had a few flights deleted from its schedule. Will the minister please check into the question of service and see what he can do?

FISHERIES

REQUEST FOR REFERENCE OF SUBJECT OF OFFSHORE LOBSTER FISHERY TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Will the minister consider a special reference to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry of the matter of the offshore lobster fishery for the purpose of hearing the representations of the fishermen? I understand this matter could be dealt with in a day.

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): I would be very glad to hear from any of the fisheries interests affected. I doubt whether a special reference to the committee would be appropriate at this time.

AIRPORTS

VANCOUVER—RENTAL CAR SERVICE STRIKE

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Bearing in mind the long strike of Rent-a-Car employees at Vancouver International Airport, can the minister indicate what contact he has with this dispute which affects the international airport and tell us what is being done to get those involved in the dispute back to the bargaining table?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am sure the hon. member appreciates that this strike is strictly and exclusively under provincial control. The party being struck against happens to be a U-Drive company which is a lessee of ours at Vancouver International Airport. In so far as the strike itself is concerned, we have no jurisdiction whatever. I did authorize limited picketing in the neighbourhood of the accommodation that is leased at the airport. That is the only involvement we have had. I can say that I am advised informally that one of the major U-Drive companies has now agreed to settle with its employees. Hopefully, this will lead to the rest doing the same.