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observed to the maximum. Where we have the personnel there are more flights, for instance, per hour than where there is a shortage of personnel, but I cannot give the figures at specific airports because the situation does vary from one hour to the next.

Mr. Alexander: As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that some technicians are supposed by law to remain on the job and as there are allegations to the effect that they have not, would the minister advise what his position is with respect to this matter?

Mr. Jamieson: I am not sure I heard the question correctly and I apologize to the hon. member. Would he be good enough to repeat the question?

Mr. Alexander: I understand, Mr. Speaker, that by law some members of the technicians group are supposed to remain on the job to maintain services and that they are flouting the law. In light of this would the minister advise what his position is and whether any direction has been given to alleviate that situation in order that safety can be maintained?

Mr. Jamieson: Let me deal with the final observation of the hon. member first, Mr. Speaker. So far as maintaining safety is concerned, that is being maintained. Where—and I am using the hon. gentleman's comment, not my own—some technicians are flouting the law, this is a regrettable state of affairs. I am advised that they have been told to return to work by their own union but have not done so in some instances. In view of this action we will now, in conjunction with Treasury Board, have to make a decision on what the next step will be. But I want to emphasize again that there is no relationship whatever between any flouting of the law and our determination to maintain safety. Where the safety factor is concerned it takes precedence over everything else. We will only allow that amount of flying out of any airport that conditions permit within the framework of safety.

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AIRPORTS**TORONTO—INQUIRY AS TO SITE OF SECOND INTERNATIONAL FACILITY**

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Now that we are on the subject of airports, can he advise when he will announce the location of the new auxiliary airport in Ontario and, if he cannot announce it today, when may we expect an announcement?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, since the House last met there have been very satisfactory further negotiations with the government of Ontario. I do not say this at all unkindly but there has been a change of ministers in the last week or two, which has made it necessary for the new Ontario minister to become more fully briefed on the matter. I have indicated that I am prepared to meet him at any time now with a very definitive proposal with which the government of Canada is prepared to proceed. I have reason to believe

[Mr. Jamieson.]

that this will not be very far off, and given those parameters I would hope for an announcement within a couple of weeks or as soon as the government of Ontario is ready.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**REQUEST FOR TABLING OF ALLEGED REPORT RECOMMENDING DISSOLUTION AND REPLACEMENT OF FORCE**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct an unprovocative question to the Solicitor General. I do not want to disturb the peace of this wonderful day and question period, so I simply ask whether he would be prepared to table the recommendations and report of a group of officials set up for the purpose of looking into the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in which the suggestion was made that there should be a dissolution of that force and another name given to the national force next year, providing this government is returned?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, as for the first part of the hon. member's question, it is based on facts I am unaware of; in other words, it is not at all intended to change the functions and duties of the RCMP.

As for the second part of his question, the hon. member alluded to the elimination of the word "Royal" from the RCMP's name. This is not envisaged at all. I think the hon. member was temporarily away from the House yesterday. He would have noted that the anti-royalists are on his side.

[English]

Mr. Diefenbaker: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps I did not make myself clear enough so that the hon. gentleman could understand. I ask him if he will table the report that is on his desk that recommends the end of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the setting up of another force similar to the security Gestapo that has already been set up?

[Translation]

Mr. Goyer: Mr. Speaker, such relationship exists only in the hon. member's mind.

[English]

Mr. Diefenbaker: Oh, no—it is on your desk.

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ELECTIONS**GOVERNMENT POSITION ON INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION DEALING WITH EXPENSES—POSSIBILITY OF EARLY IMPLEMENTATION**

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the commitment he has given on several occasions since June 1968, and in view of the fact that the report of