

thrust that is due to be announced. More than adequate accommodation is available—it was left to the province by the United States air force—as well as more than adequate classroom space, and all the other infrastructure support that is required. I understand, after checking with the staffing officer at the coast guard college, that they received far more applications than they have vacancies.

I hope the minister will consider this suggestion in line with the expansion of the coast guard, and I hope I will receive a positive response to my proposal for the immediate tabling of the task force report by the Canadian coast guard, and immediate consideration to deploy elements of air search and rescue in Newfoundland so as to ensure that the proper precautions will be taken to alleviate the situation, and proper action will be taken to prevent accidents from occurring in the future.

Mr. Marcel Roy (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I must say in opening my remarks that I appreciate the opportunity that I have tonight to reply to the comments made by the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall). This first late tête-à-tête for this session will be followed, I am quite sure, by a number of similar occasions in the months ahead.

In reply to the question raised by the member opposite may I, Mr. Speaker, very clearly repeat the response given twice

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thus far in this session by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang), the first time in reply to a question put to him on Monday, October 18, in the House by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath), and the second just yesterday in reply to the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe. The minister indicated very definitely that an announcement was imminent in regard to the Canadian Coast Guard and search and rescue.

One must appreciate that because of fiscal decisions which are taking place, and the resulting decisions in terms of improved equipment and its location, the hon. member should bear with us and await the announcement that has been promised.

Again in the case of deployment of search and rescue forces I want to give the same assurance that was given by the Minister of Transport that it is our intention to deploy our search and rescue resources in the places where they are going to be most useful.

In conclusion I should like to congratulate the hon. member who raised the question, and I want to assure him that the government will give full consideration to his suggestion.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): A motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m.

At 10.26 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.