

Oral Questions

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Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, as I just pointed out, Mr. Farlinger will be able to draw on the most relevant and most recent documents that describe certain management practices within the Department. I can inform the Hon. Member that I shall make enquiries to find out whether measures inconsistent with the facts were taken and whether such documents might have been withdrawn. However, considering the ease with which the Hon. Member has been able to obtain such documents, I am sure there are thousands more waiting for Mr. Farlinger, who will be able to examine them as he sees fit.

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[*English*]

FINANCE

SASKATCHEWAN IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT STIMULATION
FUND—ROLE OF SENATOR ARGUE

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Right Hon. Prime Minister in the absence of the Minister of Finance and of the Minister of Employment and Immigration. Yesterday I raised the question of the Immediate Employment Stimulation Program in Saskatchewan, the fact that Senator Hazen Argue is sitting on a \$4 million fund, and that he and his office are the sole access to that fund. Public servants are not involved in screening the cases or applications or in analysing the applications. Federal MPs in this Party and in the Conservative Party were not notified about the fund. The fund is for capital works.

In light of all that information, can the Prime Minister tell the House what right the Government has to give the Senator \$4 million to spend in an unconditional way in the Province of Saskatchewan without the help of the Public Service, or without notifying Members of Parliament? If he disagrees with that, would he be prepared to table documents in the House proving that departmental officials were involved in all Saskatchewan decisions prior to a decision being made by Senator Hazen Argue?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have many reservations about the premises of the question. I will take careful notice of them, investigate them, and have the Minister advised of the concern of the Hon. Member.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Nystrom: Can the Hon. Minister confirm whether it was his officials who recommended a few weeks ago to the Minister of Employment and Immigration a \$300,000 grant for converting a municipal garage into a judo club in Quebec City? The club is known as the *Club de Judo de Giffard* and is in the constituency of Montmorency-Orléans.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Questions should better be placed on the *Order Paper* which relate to an individual situation.

Some Hon. Members: No, no.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Yorkton-Melville.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Nystrom: I shall ask my question straightforwardly. Did the officials make a recommendation or was the recommendation made unilaterally by the Hon. Member for Montmorency-Orléans?

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Questions relating to individual projects are the kinds of items that should be on the *Order Paper* when they relate to individual situations. The Hon. Member for Restigouche.

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AIR SAFETY

EMPLOYEES SMOKING IN AIRCRAFT COCKPITS

Mr. Maurice Harquail (Restigouche): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Transport. In the last session I raised with the Minister of Transport and his predecessor the serious question of smoking on aircraft. You will recall the disaster that occurred with 23 lives lost in Cincinnati, and recently, if it is possible to accomplish, an employee—

Some Hon. Members: Order, order!

An Hon. Member: Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair was temporarily distracted and did not hear the Hon. Member. Would the Hon. Member repeat what he said?

Mr. Harquail: Mr. Speaker, my question is a very serious question that is being interfered with by Members of the New Democratic Party who do not care about the safety of people flying on aircraft in Canada. They will pay for this attitude, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: It is quite impossible for the Chair to hear the Hon. Member's question at this moment.

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Mr. Harquail: Mr. Speaker, I have not had the opportunity to be heard because of the howling of the New Democratic Party. I have a serious—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Will the Hon. Member please ask his question? The Chair will pay careful attention.

Mr. Harquail: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question has to do with whether or not the Minister is disposed to look at the matter of employees of airlines, at least, not smoking in the cabins of aircraft, if not at the broader question of the health