

*Government Orders*

The people around the area of the airport are fed up with the noise and say that we do not need any more runways. Yet the government says they are going to build a couple of more runways and that we will see about the safety. Do they care about the safety? One begins to wonder.

Only a couple of weeks ago there was a near miss at Toronto airport. I see my hon. colleague across the way shaking his head. I say to him that my constituents of Scarborough—Agincourt are very concerned when they go to the biggest airport in Canada.

**Mr. McDermid:** They don't fly as much as I do.

**Mr. Karygiannis:** He says they do not fly as much as he does. Perhaps it is because some of them might not be at the trough as some of our friends happen to be.

**Mr. McDermid:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member made an accusation by inference. I am sure he would want to reconsider exactly what he said. He is suggesting that because a member of Parliament flies often that he is at the trough. I am sure that is not what he meant because he probably flies just as much as I do.

**Mr. Karygiannis:** Mr. Speaker, if my hon. colleague thought that I said that he is at the trough, absolutely not.

However, Mr. Speaker, I remind the minister of the En Route—CN Express deal. I wonder when I called the minister's office about En Route—CN Express why his staff would not bring forward the papers. What were they hiding? When CN Express was sold to En Route were the people from CN Express not supposed to have a three year guarantee? Bring forward the papers.

**Mr. McDermid:** What are you talking about?

**Mr. Karygiannis:** What am I talking about? Mr. Speaker, we have seen privatization. We have seen how this government moves into privatization. Yet when it moves to privatize anything it is selling it away.

**Mr. McDermid:** Poppycock.

**Mr. Karygiannis:** Mr. Speaker, another thing which is very important is job security. This government wants to privatize our airports. Yet we are not sure if the people at the airports who are working for the government will continue to have job security. When the government

privatized Air Canada, 2,900 jobs were lost. My hon. colleague shakes his head. If I am wrong on the figures, then correct me, but 2,900 jobs were lost.

**Some hon. members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Karygiannis:** Thank you. If there were a little bit more, thank you.

The government states that the quality of service provided to the public will continue to be at the same degree of excellence that it is right now. I fear that, if this goes through, we will find that the quality of service is diminished.

It is very important, when we talk about privatization, that we look at this government's record. We have a number of examples such as the En Route—CN Express deal and Air Canada. The government is talking about privatizing the Harbourfront and Petro—Canada. The government's record has to be put forward.

We should look at the books when we want to privatize something, especially something as vital as our airports. The safety of our airports, in the 20th century, is very vital and very important, for the simple reason that by the year 2000 the Toronto airport will be one of the biggest airports in the world. I cannot, for the life of me, understand and comprehend this government's move on this particular issue because I cannot see it as being a safe move and I see that the public will be hurt. Lo and behold, we may wake up one morning and find out that, because of the carelessness of this government's action, we have a major accident. That will have to be taken into consideration.

The other thing that we have to look at is that, right across our country, we have services at major airports that have been diminished. The government is saying that we are not going to have firefighters at airports after 10 o'clock. In Newfoundland after 12 o'clock there is nobody in the tower to make sure that the planes that are coming across are safe.

**Some hon. members:** Get it right.

**Mr. Karygiannis:** Members opposite will have a chance to get their glory but I would like to say that this proposal which the government is putting forward is a very dangerous one and we should look at it very carefully.