

measures, as I mentioned earlier, will be discussed at a meeting this afternoon.

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

PURPOSE OF PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO EUROPE

Mr. Robert Wenman (Fraser Valley West): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister responsible for Canada Post. Will the Minister inform the House about the purpose of the current trip to Europe of the President and Chief Executive Officer of Canada Post, Mr. Michael Warren?

[Translation]

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Labour): Madam Speaker, as part of his duties, I believe the President will be meeting with Post Office representatives in Great Britain to discuss a new postal service he would like to introduce in Canada. The President will be visiting another country as well for consultations with local postal authorities, with a view to improving services between that country and Canada.

[English]

Mr. Wenman: I would like to thank the Minister for his detailed response.

COST OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES

Mr. Robert Wenman (Fraser Valley West): Madam Speaker, would the minister also tell the House what benefits will accrue to Canada by virtue of the presence on the same trip of an individual named Miss E. Mylrea, as well as Mr. Warren's executive assistant, especially in view of the fact that Mr. Warren and another person are using first-class seats for their trip to London, Zurich, Bern, and Paris, at a cost to the taxpayer of a cool \$4,000 per ticket?

[Translation]

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Labour): Madam Speaker, I think this is the kind of question that belongs on the Order Paper instead of being dealt with during oral question period. I must say I disapprove entirely of the Hon. Member's attitude and his assuming that some impropriety has taken place. It is typical of the Progressive Conservatives to indulge in mudslinging. I am sure that the President of Canada Post will be able to explain the reasons for his trip very satisfactorily, and quite probably, as soon as he comes back, he will be able to provide a satisfactory answer to the questions put by the Hon. Member, who would rather tarnish someone's reputation instead of asking a straight question.

Oral Questions

[English]

LABOUR RELATIONS

EASTERN PROVINCIAL AIRWAYS DISPUTE—DISMISSAL OF PILOTS

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Labour. It concerns the management and labour dispute at Eastern Provincial Airways. The dispute with EPA pilots was settled in May, 1983, by a decision of the Canada Labour Relations Board which was recently quashed by the Federal Court, even though Labour Board decisions are final and conclusive.

What action can the Minister take to protect EPA pilots and to ensure a quick resolution of the dispute? Right now EPA is dismissing senior pilots and employing outside pilots in their place, which is contrary to the collective agreement endorsed by the Labour Relations Board. And of course it creates difficulties among pilots in the operation of aircraft.

[Translation]

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Labour): Madam Speaker, I believe the Airline Pilots Association has now asked the Canada Labour Relations Board to be heard again on a series of complaints formulated by the Association. I have been informed that a hearing will be held as soon as possible, and meanwhile, it is up to the Board to rule on the new complaints submitted by the Pilots Association.

[English]

Mr. Crosby: I merely want to point out to the Minister of Labour through you, Madam Speaker, that the whole purpose of labour laws in Canada is to ensure fair play and stability in labour relations. It is difficult to believe the Minister would be powerless in this situation when there is such provocation from management with respect to its employees.

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West): Madam Speaker, is the Minister considering any new laws or any changes in the laws which will preclude an organization like the Federal Court of Canada from stepping into a labour dispute which has been settled and completely destroying the work done by the Canada Labour Relations Board? Is he considering any action or provision that might be placed on the statute books to stop such action in the future?

[Translation]

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Labour): Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member is asking me to deny one of the parties the right to appeal a decision. I realize that he may be anxious to see this matter settled, and I share his feeling, but I think he should consider the wisdom of waiting until the Board reaches a decision and acknowledge the right of both parties to appeal the decision.