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Bible and on his honour. The Minister of Finance set up tight rules of security for the press and for Members of Parliament. Yet, for personal glory and publicity, he called the media into his office and then broke his oath of secrecy by opening the budget documents. As a result, the financial markets and the value of the dollar have been affected, and unfair advantage has accrued to a privileged few.

Democracy is a high and difficult enterprise requiring the highest of political standards in the conduct of the public trust. Our very way of parliamentary life is at stake. The Minister of Finance must resign.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH NORTH-SOUTH STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, on November 30, 1982, a sub-committee of the House of Commons tabled a report on Canada's relations with Latin America and the Caribbean. Until now there has been no response to that report from the Government. In the report the sub-committee spoke about the stability necessary in that part of the world; it spoke for the promotion of human rights; for trade and investment initiatives by Canada in the region, and for aid and development.

I request the Government of Canada at this time to respond to this report. It is important for the Government to do so because the situation is changing so rapidly in South and Central America that, unless the recommendations are looked at now, they will become historic recommendations.

Two weeks ago there were food riots in Brazil, the economic miracle country of Latin America. Mexico has had an economic collapse. Nicaragua has been invaded by foreign forces. El Salvador is still fighting a civil war and it has one million refugees.

I recommend that the Government of this country set up a continuing north-south standing committee so that this House and the Government become aware of the realities that are taking place in our part of the world. I would also recommend that the Government renew the mandate of the sub-committee similar to the Latin-American committee so that information to the House and to the Government will continue to be provided in a steady way.

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AVIATION INDUSTRY**ECONOMIC ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF CANADAIR**

Mr. Marcel Roy (Laval): Madam Speaker, I am rising in the House today on behalf of 1,200 workers who are in danger of losing their jobs, and on behalf of an industry that represents 23,000 workers in Quebec and has a business turnover or

over one billion dollars. I want my fellow Members to understand the major role Canadair and its sub-contractors play in our economy and the Canadian aviation industry. I also want to point out that those who are anxious to tarnish the reputation of Canadair are contributing or will contribute to a loss of jobs in the Greater Montreal area which cannot afford to be a victim of that kind of negativism. Madam Speaker, I beg the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and the Members of his Cabinet to intervene in this matter, because Canada must continue to develop the aviation industry, where Canadair is one of the major components, if we are to play a part in this very specialized high technology sector. Obviously, corrective action is needed at Canadair, but not by killing the patient who is just starting to walk again, in this case the Challenger which is just getting off the ground. This is an industry that is generating jobs for today, tomorrow and for the future. For heaven's sake, let us not repeat the tragedy of the *Arrow* which had a very promising future but was literally scrapped by the Progressive Conservative Government at the time.

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THE BUDGET**ALLEGED GOVERNMENT IRRESPONSIBILITY**

Hon. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to remind Canadians that this Government does not know the meaning of the word honour. Yesterday, for the second time in less than two months, the Right Hon. Prime Minister decided to cover for the Minister of Finance and his incredible blunder before the press. The public is not about to forget the disgraceful conduct of the Minister and the Right Hon. Prime Minister in the notorious Gillespie affair. Monday, after the consummate irresponsibility demonstrated by the Minister of Finance, the Right Hon. Prime Minister owed it to common decency and to his own credibility to ask his Minister to resign. As we all know, that did not happen. The Right Hon. Prime Minister, after a quick assessment of the facts, judged in his great wisdom that his Minister of Finance was worth an extra \$200 million. Some people will say that is pretty cheap and others that the end justifies the means. However, it gets a little embarrassing when the taxpayers' money is involved, Madam Speaker.

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HEALTH**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES**

Mr. Stanley Hudecki (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): Madam Speaker, sexually transmitted diseases are seriously affecting the health of many Canadians.