

You also have the opinion of the experts in Transport Canada, which is not unsubstantial, both at the headquarters and the regional levels. They say that indeed there are problems but they are being resolved, that precautionary measures are being taken and remedial measures are being taken, and so on.

In the coming days we will have a report from Mr. Justice Dubin on the subject. He has looked at it extensively. He has heard extensive commentary on it so I think we should await his contribution as an important one in the debate, which is one among very respectable experts.

REQUEST FOR CHANGES IN SYSTEM

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings): Madam Speaker, I am very tempted to phrase my supplementary along the lines of asking when we will hear from Mr. Justice Dubin in this House. Because the other problem is so serious, I want to deal strictly with it. I was before the committee when CALPA was there and I heard their statement. I suggest to the minister that pretence that this system is adequate should be abandoned; that the system be rethought; requirements restated, and changes made at once. Does the minister accept the statement of some of his staff who suggest that they keep their heads down and hope for the best?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): I agree that I am no great expert on matters of electronics. But then every author makes the case that the minister should not be, so I am par for the course. But I am told by experts that no system can ever be developed without trial and error, without the experimental aspect to it.

On the subject of the Dubin report, I am pleased to say that I will be tabling the first part of it some time next week. I swear to God that I have not seen it, but I understand that the judge will give a general view on safety matters in Canadian aviation and address them in a succession of reports on specific items, such as this one, most probably.

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FISHERIES

STATUS OF EAST COAST BOUNDARIES AGREEMENT

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Madam Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. There were five major elements to the Canada-United States East Coast Fisheries Agreement, namely, the management regime, the share of stocks and access for both countries, the fisheries commission, the dispute settlement procedure, and the review procedure.

I wish to ask the minister what linkage there is between the fisheries treaty and the boundary agreement. Now that the United States has unilaterally terminated the treaty, what is the status of the boundary agreement? Are we going to arbitration, or has this agreement also collapsed?

Point of Order

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Madam Speaker, I understand that this matter is under the responsibility of my colleague, the Secretary of State for External Affairs. The United States Senate has ratified that part of the treaty. I have been away travelling on the west coast so I have no knowledge if Canada has dealt with the Canadian response on the boundaries issue. I have been given a head signal that we have not taken a position yet as a cabinet.

COMPOSITION OF INTERNATIONAL COURT

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Madam Speaker, I thank the minister for that response. I presumed, since he and the Secretary of State for External Affairs shared joint responsibility for this matter, that he would be knowledgeable of it.

I should like to address a brief supplementary question to the minister. Will there be a Canadian judge on the panel of judges when the Canada-United States fisheries and boundary agreements come before the International Court? If not, could he tell the House from what countries the judges will be selected, and by whom?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Madam Speaker, I do not think the hon. member is fair when he equates the fact that one does not know the detail of what happened within the last week with a lack of knowledge. On the question of the selection of judges, that would be very much a part of cabinet discussion on whether we are going to approve of going this route. I know that there are views on both sides of the issue of whether there should or should not be national judges. I understand that issue has not been settled yet.

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POINT OF ORDER

MR. COOK—ALLEGED UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE OF MR. TRUDEAU

Mr. Chuck Cook (North Vancouver-Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I am indignant and take umbrage at the remark of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau). In one of his long answers today, in reply to a question from the hon. member for York-Peel (Mr. Stevens), he stated, looking clearly at the opposition benches, "You silly guys".

Mr. Fox: Oh, you recognized yourself!

Mr. Cook: Madam Speaker, the word "guys" is demeaning, and I might say is out of date slang. The word "silly"—

Mr. Gray:—is relevant.

Mr. Trudeau: Don't be such a silly guy.

Madam Speaker: I am sorry, that is not a point of order. The hon. member did notice that at the time these words were said no one objected to them and neither did I. They are not