

Mr. Anguish: Madam Speaker, in the past I believe that your ruling on presentation of petitions was that they must be within a period of one minute. I certainly have not taken anywhere near a minute.

Madam Speaker: I will then have to rule on the number of words that can be included, because some Members are really taking advantage of the time that should be allotted to petitions. I think I will consider that for next week.

Mr. Anguish:—thus retaining and fortifying Canada's role in the world as a peacemaker rather than an aggressor. We, your petitioners, are indignant over the Prime Minister's agreement to allow American testing a weapons at Canadian locations, believing that, rather than being a stabilizing factor, this will tend to further destabilize an already precarious balance of nuclear terror between the superpowers.

Madam Speaker: Order. I would invite the Hon. Member to file the rest with the Clerk. Is the Hon. Member rising on a new petition?

Mr. Anguish: Yes, Madam Speaker.

MR. ANGUISH—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Madam Speaker, I have a petition I would like to present this afternoon. Incidentally, all members of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool have signed this petition. They ask that western farmers not pay anywhere beyond the statutory Crow rate. I would like to present this petition on behalf of the petitioners. Wherefore, the undersigned your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to maintain the statutory Crow rate.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 4,770, 4,819 and 4,875.

[Text]

DEPRECIABLE ASSETS OF RAILWAY COMPANIES

Question No. 4,770—**Mr. Malone:**

1. Are railway companies allowed to depreciate grain hopper cars for tax purposes?
2. Are the companies allowed to depreciate grain hopper cars for tax purposes that were purchased by (a) the federal Government (b) provincial Governments?
3. Are the companies allowed to depreciate costs incurred in the rehabilitation of railways?
4. Are the companies allowed to depreciate costs incurred of rehabilitating railways that were paid by the Government?

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue): 1. Yes.

2. Not if the grain hopper cars are owned by the federal or provincial Governments. However, if the railway companies

received a grant for the purchase of grain hopper cars the amount of the grant would reduce the capital cost of the property that may be depreciated by the railway companies.

3. Yes, to the extent that the costs incurred by the railway companies relating to the acquisition of depreciable assets are not reduced by government grants.

4. No.

DSS—CENTRAL TRAVEL SERVICE

Question No. 4,819—**Mr. MacKay:**

1. With reference to the recent increases in travel allowances for the Public Service, what was the amount paid for flights to the Central Travel Service for the period ending June 1982, minus the 1 per cent commission which has been agreed upon, for Air Canada and CP Air?

2. How is the 1 per cent commission allocated after it is deducted by the Department of Supply and Services and does it go back to general revenue?

3. Is there any difference in the arrangements made with CP Air as opposed to the arrangements made with Air Canada?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. For our first accounting period (April 9 to June 29, 1982) the amount paid for flights after deduction of the 1 per cent collection fee was \$24,752,634. Of this amount Air Canada received \$21,308,073 and CP Air received \$3,444,561.

2. The 1 per cent service fee covers the collection and payment services rendered by the Central Payment Services of DSS. As such, it remains in the Supply Revolving Fund which is an account in the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

3. No.

CANADIAN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Question No. 4,875—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. Is there a Canadian Business and Industry International Advisory Committee and, if so (a) who are the members (b) what is the (i) background or expertise (ii) term of appointment of each member (c) what remuneration, such as salary or travel expenses, do the members receive and, for the length of each appointment to date, what amount did each member receive (d) what other funding, if any, is provided by the Government?

2. (a) What are the terms of reference of the Committee (b) what matters did it consider in the fiscal year 1982-83 (c) how often did it meet and how often is it required to meet (d) what reports and/or recommendations did the Committee publish in the fiscal year 1982-83?

Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of State (International Trade)): The Canadian Business and Industry International Advisory Council (CBIAC) is a voluntary private sector organization which does not receive direct or indirect funding from the federal Government. Questions pertaining to the terms of reference, composition and activities of the Advisory Council would, therefore, be most appropriately directed to the organization itself for reply.

[English]

Mr. Smith: I would ask, Madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.