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LABOUR RELATIONS**EASTERN PROVINCIAL AIRWAYS DISPUTE**

Mr. Maurice Harquail (Restigouche): Madam Speaker, I bring the attention of the House to the serious transportation problem in the Atlantic Provinces. I know from discussions with my colleagues that they share my concern about the continuing dispute involving the machinists' union as well as the pilots, with Eastern Provincial Airways. I take this opportunity to invite the Department of Transport as well as the Minister of Labour (Mr. Caccia) to join together to see if their officials cannot develop ways and means to assist the officials of this airline company and the pilots' union in determining if they cannot come to some amicable settlement.

I can tell you, Madam Speaker, that this strike, which has gone on since January of this year, is causing a very severe hardship for Canadians living in the four Atlantic Provinces. It is having an adverse effect on the economy there, and I implore the House to invite the Minister of Labour to see if there is not some way that he can have the president of that Company get a little closer to the union to bring about a settlement at the earliest possible date.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, the word is out that the Prime Minister's (Mr. Trudeau) agents are taking legal action because a new highrise luxury apartment building is diminishing the value of his home and spoiling his view over Montreal. Could the Prime Minister tell this House whether or not he has stopped lately and counted the number of views he has spoiled for Canadians, the 1.5 million jobless, the ruined and bankrupt businesses, and for all those who have lost confidence in the Government? Can he explain why he is deserving of any consideration whatsoever at the same time that he is casting a shadow over the lives of millions of Canadians, thereby denying them their day in the sun?

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**PAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT BY PRISON INMATES**

Mr. Robert Daudlin (Essex-Kent): Madam Speaker, a matter of concern has recently been brought to my attention and stems from what amounts to an injustice to Canadian taxpayers and to those families which rely on, or are dependent upon, child support payments by an ex-spouse.

Presently, persons who are required to pay child support by reason of a court order are not required by law to continue this child support when they enter prison, even though they may have earnings as an inmate. While it is recognized that the living allowance or wage earned in prison is minimal, the basic

requirement to uphold their responsibility of helping to provide for their children, should not be forgone.

I would ask that the Solicitor General (Mr. Kaplan) review this situation and require inmates, who were paying child support before they entered the penitentiary system, to continue to fulfil their court ordered and social responsibilities, and pay a portion of the support, no matter how small this amount may be. Such action would remove an injustice from the system and could serve to enhance the rehabilitation process by reinforcing the concept that citizens of a society cannot participate in society by avoiding their responsibilities at the expense of the general taxpayer.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**DENIAL OF BENEFITS DURING TRAINING COURSES**

Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North): Madam Speaker, the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy) recently announced that persons receiving unemployment insurance benefits will be allowed to take full-time language training if the training is required to obtain employment. This change of heart by the Government is commendable, but my purpose in rising today is to suggest a natural extension of that policy. Thousands of unemployed Canadians receiving benefits would willingly take retraining courses to improve their chances of getting a job. Many will pay their own tuition. But, as soon as they do, the Unemployment Insurance Commission cancels their right to benefits on the basis that they are not available to take a job.

I have had constituents in my riding of Simcoe North complain that these rules are illogical and unfair. The rules and regulations should be changed to encourage all unemployed Canadians to take retraining courses. While they are in full-time attendance at those courses their Unemployment Insurance benefits should not be cancelled.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Madam Speaker, we are aware of the intention of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) to sue those involved in the construction of a high rise apartment which obscures the view from the house in Montreal in which so many Canadians hope he will soon permanently reside. These same Canadians still dare to hope that this social and environmental injustice done to the Prime Minister by the invisible hand of the real estate market, in Montreal, will move him to action on much larger issues of a comparable nature in which the so-called virtues of free enterprise have a far greater impact on the lives of average Canadians, most of whom do not have a privileged view to defend, or the money with which to defend it.