

Adjournment Debate

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Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I too share the concern of the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski) pertaining to flights in the north. The ministry of transport has a program for expanding and upgrading air navigational facilities in the Arctic which includes the provision of facilities to meet both current and anticipated requirements. Part of this program calls for the installation of a number of very high frequency omnirange and distance measuring equipment facilities. Installations are now under way at Yellowknife, Resolute Bay, Whitehorse,

Frobisher Bay and Cambridge Bay. Additional installations are planned for subsequent years.

The Cambridge Bay installation is of special interest as this will be the site of the environmental testing of a development, the "VOR/DME package", newly designed to meet the special requirements of the Arctic. Testing of this package will proceed after winter installation which is planned for completion next month. Aside from that portion of the plan that is included in the ministry's estimates, the implementation of improved or additional facilities is adjusted annually to meet high priority requirements as they develop.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.24 p.m.