

Inquiries of the Ministry

minister inform the house when this legislation will be introduced and whether it will be dealt with before the summer adjournment.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I believe I indicated several months ago that I was hopeful the bill would be introduced in May. I am still hoping this can be done before the end of this session.

[English]

APPOINTMENT OF ATLANTIC ADVISORY
COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the minister can inform the house when the remaining members of the Atlantic Advisory Council will be appointed, with the hope that it may be shortly in order that they can consider this and other legislative measures to effectively assist the region.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): As we promised, Mr. Speaker, we are proceeding through consultation with all those concerned, with all the provinces. That is why it takes a little time to appoint the Council, but I hope this will be done within a relatively short time.

[English]

AIR CANADA

POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF DOMESTIC SERVICE

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. My question is based on or prompted by statements made by Mr. Yves Pratt, chairman of the board of Air Canada, but in accordance with the rules I shall put my question to the minister directly. Is it government policy that Air Canada should seek additional routes around the world but cut back on its feeder and other domestic services within Canada.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): No, Mr. Speaker; it is not government policy.

[Translation]

STRIKE OF MECHANICS—INQUIRY AS TO
PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Transport is in the [Mr. Stanfield.]

house, will he tell us today if the negotiations are progressing in the dispute between Air Canada and its employees and if he expects a settlement before long?

[English]

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I would think this might more properly be directed to the Minister of Labour.

[Translation]

[Later:]

Mr. Rondeau: Mr. Speaker, I apologize for having directed my question to the Minister of Transport. I would like now to put it to the Minister of Labour who could perhaps answer it.

[English]

Hon. Bryce S. Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the only thing I can tell the house is that negotiations between Air Canada and the particular union involved began at eleven o'clock this morning and to the best of my knowledge are proceeding in very orderly fashion.

AIR TRANSPORT

CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES AUCKLAND-
VANCOUVER CONTRACT

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, in light of the suggestions allegedly made by the chairman of Air Canada to the effect that one air line, presumably Air Canada, should represent Canada on international routes, will the Minister of Transport ask his colleague the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce whether he will continue to press New Zealand to review its decision to cancel Canadian Pacific Airlines rights to land in that country.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Later:]

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I had a supplementary question and I believe the minister was rising to make a reply.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question I heard the hon. member ask was that he was asking the minister to tell something to another minister, and I did not think, on that basis, the question was acceptable.

Mr. Nesbitt: On a point of order and with great respect I suggest there was a bit of a