

as residents of Montreal and Ville Saint-Laurent, we know as a fact that Canadair is the cream of our organizations. Canadair is Montreal and Montreal is Canadair. Canadair is Ville Saint-Laurent and Ville Saint-Laurent is Montreal.

I must admit that I was shocked by the statements made by several NDP Members, and I will personally raise the matter with authorities but I should like to ask the Hon. Member whether he has considered sending Canadair workers generally and Mr. Cherry in particular the statement made by the Hon. Member for Regina—

[English]

**Mr. Waddell:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. These two Members have quoted the Member from Regina out of context and are misleading the House. Maybe it is not intentional, but the Hon. Member should be quoted in context.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this day.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

#### AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

### STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[Translation]

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

##### REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT WITHDRAW ITS NEW PROPOSAL

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie):** Both in Quebec and the rest of Canada, Mr. Speaker, older workers in increasing numbers are reacting negatively to the Conservative Government's proposal to create two classes of citizens.

This means that overnight, an older worker who had a job with a Canadian company which is closing its doors will be told by the Government when visiting the unemployment insurance office: You are not entitled to unemployment insurance benefits; find another job and you will get some. A middle-age worker from the same plant visiting an unemployment insurance office will be told: Yes, you are entitled to immediate payment of unemployment insurance benefits.

Mr. Speaker, this unfair policy discriminates against older workers, and I am sure that most Hon. Members, either from the Liberal Party, the Conservative Party or the NDP, will oppose this measure and will ask the Government to withdraw this legislation which is unfair to older workers.

[English]

#### NORTHERN AFFAIRS

##### ANNOUNCEMENT OF NORTHERN MINERAL POLICY

**Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic):** Mr. Speaker, the Northern Mineral Policy released last Friday in Whitehorse by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. McKnight) has been received with favour by the northern mining community. The policy brings about a degree of certainty so lacking under the previous administration.

Miners can now plan their affairs in the knowledge that their tenure is secure, that royalties will remain at competitive rates, and that the Government takes a positive attitude toward their endeavours.

The predictable results of such a policy will be increased investment in exploration and development, leading to more jobs and production especially for export markets.

It is a pleasure to see a level of co-operation between industry and government as has seldom been the case in times past.

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#### AIR TRANSPORT

##### CANCELLATION OF AIRLINE LICENCE—CONSEQUENTIAL LOSSES

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West):** Mr. Speaker, a Yellowknife family waits anxiously for the House or the Minister of Transport (Mr. Crosbie) to right a serious wrong which it has suffered. The Fred Turner family has been reduced to financial ruin by Transport Canada and now faces repossession of its home by the Royal Bank just prior to Christmas.

Mr. Turner owned a small licensed airline until two years ago when Transport Canada cancelled his licence for not filing statistical documents on time. That is right, Mr. Speaker, the Government bankrupted him for being late in providing details about how much gas he bought and how many passengers he carried.

The Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton) and I brought the matter to the attention of the previous Minister of Transport a year ago. The Government admitted liability to Mr. Turner. His licence was reinstated, but it was too late; his aircraft had been seized by the banks. Now he cannot afford to restart his business.

Last May 15 the Minister sent a letter in which he assured me that the Government admitted its error and offered \$15,000 compensation to Mr. Turner. It should be several hundred thousand dollars. The letter indicated that a cheque would be in the mail. That was last May, and no cheque has been received. Mr. Turner has never been consulted. There have been no negotiations. He is being victimized.