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carriers, but could go well beyond that. So there is no question of diversion: it is a question of any offer coming forward being potentially acceptable.

We did, at the same time, ask the commission to review its advance booking rules. The commission will have to do this even more vigorously, in view of the fact that these rules are undergoing changes in the United States and in certain places where we are directly competitive with American services.

In the case of Saskatchewan and other places where Nighthawk flights were not originally offered, I have had a discussion with Claude Taylor and he has his operational people looking at the question of whether these flights could be extended to other destinations and origins. Indeed, with particular regard to Saskatchewan, I am aware of certain over-nighting aircraft in Saskatoon and it may be possible to offer some Nighthawk flights. There are other problems in relation to crew and the number of people likely to travel. These are being looked at because of the desire on the part of all of us to offer as many low-cost flights as we can to Canadians throughout Canada.

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PUBLIC SERVICE**EFFECT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF BILINGUAL BONUS**

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the President of the Treasury Board regarding the enormous problems involved with the implementation of the bilingual bonus for language excellence. We have heard that it is a discriminatory program, that it adds to frustration and that it affects the morale of the public service. I understand the minister has been studying this program for some time. Has he reached any conclusions as to whether the program should be scrapped, as we have said it should be? If not, when does the minister expect to come to a conclusion in this regard?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board): No, Mr. Speaker, I have not reached such a conclusion and I cannot give the hon. member any indication as to when such a conclusion might be reached.

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, I point out to the minister that in hearings before Treasury Board last week, we were advised that the minister's department will deem the study which is now being undertaken confidential, and that the minister would be prepared to release the result of the administration of the bonus but will not release the results of the effect of the bonus on the public service.

Given the fact that the public of Canada will be paying twice, once to see that the public service does get this training and—which is beyond my comprehension—once more for proficiency by way of a bonus, is it the intention of the minister to see to it that any study or analysis, and the results, will be released for the edification not only of members of the

[Mr. Lang.]

House but also of the public? Can the minister give me that assurance, or is this also a matter to be covered up?

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, I will take that as a representation from the hon. member and I will give it the consideration I usually give to his recommendations of that nature.

Mr. Alexander: One last supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for New Westminster.

Mr. Alexander: Don't cover up; that's all we are saying.

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IMMIGRATION**REQUEST MINISTER GRANT POLITICAL ASYLUM TO CHILEAN NATIONAL**

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration: it concerns the case of Mr. Galindo Madrid which I discussed with the minister last Friday. In view of the fact that Mr. Madrid was tortured in Chile prior to jumping ship at Squamich, British Columbia, and in view of the widespread appeals for the minister's intercession on a humanitarian basis so that Mr. Madrid can be given political asylum in Canada, can the minister rise in his place today and advise whether he intends to intercede in this worthy case and provide asylum to Mr. Madrid so that he will not be deported to Chile?

Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the individual to whom the hon. member refers has been through all the appeal procedures. He was not able to convince the refugee status advisory committee that he was, in fact, a convention refugee. His case was reviewed by the special review committee. It was decided that there was no basis for special consideration. I understand that Mr. Madrid has now appealed to the Federal Court of Canada. Until that appeal is disposed of, I think it would inappropriate for me to comment further at this time.

Mr. Leggatt: I can appreciate that Mr. Madrid is not a ballet dancer and that that gives him a bit of a handicap. However, in terms of the request the minister received on March 29, which was that there be a delay in the decision until the solicitors for Mr. Madrid are able to provide corroboration for the evidence they have provided to the various levels within the minister's department, would the minister at least undertake that there will be a delay until Mr. Madrid and his representatives have a chance to corroborate the evidence of risk and the evidence of torture which he will face in the event of his deportation?

Mr. Cullen: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is suggesting that if Mr. Madrid had done a ballet manoeuvre when leaving that ship, we would have been a little more compassionate in our approach. I think the record speaks for itself. It indicates