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Why should the public buy shares in something it already owns?

Air Canada is an important instrument of national policy. It serves small and remote communities with jet aircraft with cargo capacity. It allows public monitoring of pricing practices and guarantees adherence to safety and maintenance standards.

The Government can make no guarantees about Air Canada concerning safety, service, bilingualism, or jobs if it abdicates control of the company to a small group of private investors.

As was said in this morning's *Globe and Mail*, "we cannot afford to lose public accountability in deregulated skies. In the U.S. ruthless corporate managers have savaged workers' jobs, wages, and working conditions, brought chaos to passengers and shippers, and cut corners on safety and maintenance". We must not allow Air Canada to become Air Texas.

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CANADIAN JOBS STRATEGY

COMMITTEE'S LITERACY SKILLS RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, the second report of the Standing Committee on Labour, Employment and Immigration entitled "A Review of the Canadian Jobs Strategy" reports as follows:

A great deal of concern was expressed to your Committee regarding the fact that many individuals are unable to fully utilize the Canadian Jobs Strategy because they lack literacy skills and/or are in need of basic academic upgrading.

This is certainly the case in the region which I represent and I commend for careful study by the Government the recommendations made by the committee to deal with this serious problem.

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LOBBYISTS

CALL FOR AMENDMENT OF BILL C-82

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, this week a legislative committee is studying Bill C-82 on the registration of lobbyists. The Bill has some gaping omissions.

First, the Bill does not prohibit lobbyists from charging contingency fees. This means that a lobbyist can charge an extra fee contingent on the outcome of the lobbying activity.

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In most provincial jurisdictions this type of practice would be prohibited. Why should it not be prohibited for lobbyists as well?

Second, the activity of information gathering for the purposes of lobbying is not addressed in the Bill.

Third, the goal of transparency of the lobbying industry is thwarted in the distinction between Tier 1 and Tier 2 lobbyists in the Bill.

I urge vigilant Members of the House to lobby our legislative committee to amend the effects of the lobbying effort of the lobbyists on the lobbying Bill.

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SOCIALISM

FIELD OF INQUIRY

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, my Government is about to proceed with its fourteenth privatization. This is its fourteenth message of confidence in the creativity and productivity of Canadians. It is the fourteenth challenge to the Socialist Party, a Party that does not trust Canadians to create jobs and prefers to place its trust in protectionism and trade barriers.

Every day, socialism wants to give the keys to our economy to laboratory technocrats. Canadian workers know by now that privatization creates employment and more businesses. Collective ownership does not make sense.

Not a single country in the world has been able to apply this concept and we are certainly not going to start here in Canada.

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IMMIGRATION

ADMITTANCE OF REFUGEES—GOVERNMENT POLICY

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mrs. McDougall) keeps repeating the high sounding principle that Canada cannot morally allow economic refugees to use up the spaces allotted to real refugees. She is busily deporting Turks to prove her point.

However, during the past two years Canada has doubled the number of so-called refugees selected abroad for entry into Canada from Nicaragua. What is going on?

Nicaragua does not have the busy death squads such as Chile, El Salvador, and Guatemala. The United Nations and Amnesty find that Nicaragua's performance on the rule of law and human rights is clearly better than those countries, and the Central American Verification Committee found Nicaragua the only country seriously complying with the Esquipulas cease-fire agreement.