

reports in Montreal during the past week end to the effect that Ireland had withdrawn its application to participate in Expo '67 because of the fact that some \$1½ million worth of sweepstake tickets had been seized by the R.C.M.P. in recent weeks. My question is, has Ireland actually withdrawn its application to participate in Expo '67?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest that this question be placed on the order paper.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON PAROLE SYSTEM REVISION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reid Scott (Danforth): Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the Solicitor General a question. A few weeks ago the minister in reply to a question said he would announce the policy of the government regarding parole prior to the vote on capital punishment. Can the minister tell the house when we may expect his announcement on this important matter?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I do not think I used the exact words quoted by the hon. member. I believe I said that the question he raised would be met during the course of the debate. However, I will take his question as notice now.

AIR TRANSPORT

ALLOCATION OF ROUTE BETWEEN TORONTO AND LOS ANGELES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Has the government yet reached a decision as to what air line will be permitted to fly the route between Toronto and Los Angeles?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): No, sir.

Mr. Knowles: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May we assume that it will be Air Canada?

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman can make any assumptions he likes. The government will make the decision.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Knowles: The government or the minister?

An hon. Member: Liberal arrogance.

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Later:]

Mr. L. M. Brand (Saskatoon): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. It was intended to be supplementary to one already asked but Your Honour could not hear me a few questions ago. In view of the amazing statement the minister made a short while ago, that the government makes the decisions as to air routes, will the minister see about changing the DC-9 air routes so they stop in Regina and Saskatoon—

An hon. Member: And Halifax.

Mr. Brand:—and Halifax, as my hon. friend has said, since the minister apparently has this power?

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, the government has the responsibility given to it by parliament for deciding which route will be assigned to an air line, but it does not have the responsibility for deciding what kind of equipment the air line will use. That is a matter for the management of the air line.

Mr. Brand: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of that answer, and since apparently no decision will be made about the DC-9's at this time, would the minister consider allowing the C.P.R., or rather Canadian Pacific Airlines to fly these routes as well as Air Canada?

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, the C.P.R. will be glad to learn it has one friend in the house.

An hon. Member: The question was about C.P.A.

FISHERIES

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON MEETING OF FUR SEAL COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, after that last reply I shall not address a question to the Minister of Transport but will try the Minister of Fisheries. I would like to ask the Minister of Fisheries whether he can give the house any report upon the proceedings of the North Pacific fur seal commission, which is meeting at the present time in Ottawa.

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): This meeting started yesterday, Mr. Speaker. It is much too early for me to give a report. The meeting will proceed practically all week.

Mr. Barnett: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister of Fisheries whether it is the intention of the