

WARDAIR STEWARDESSES' STRIKE—MAINTENANCE OF SAFETY REGULATIONS

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport, Mr. Speaker, in connection with the Wardair strike. Will the minister undertake to investigate and indeed assure the House that the safety regulations will be looked into because the safety of passengers may be jeopardized, and will he report to the House?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, this is one of the responsibilities of the department. As you know, the department is not responsible for labour disputes or their settlement, but it is responsible for air security and the House may rest assured that we are doing every effort to maintain passenger and aircraft security.

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MEETING OF FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL MINISTERS—
SUGGESTION THAT BANK OF CANADA MAKE
INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO PROVINCES

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Tomorrow will he finally be able to announce to the provinces the possibility of financing their administration through interest free loans from the Bank of Canada?

[English]

Mr. Lawrence: Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: I apologize to the hon. member for Shefford. He will be recognized in a moment. The hon. member for Northumberland-Durham rises on a point of order.

Mr. Lawrence: It has been my belief that when a document was tabled in the House this would enable—

Some hon. Members: Question!

Mr. Lawrence: My question is on a point of order. My point of order is that presumably the purpose of tabling a document in the House is so that members can get a look at it. The Minister of Finance has indicated that he has not only tabled with the Clerk one copy of the agenda for tomorrow's conference but also 15 extra copies. There are those of us on this side of the House who would like to ask some questions about it. We have sent four different couriers to the table to get a copy only to find that it is not available.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Shefford.

[Translation]

Mr. Rondeau: Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Finance seemed unable to answer the question about interest free loans from the Bank of Canada, can he tell us what solution he intends proposing in the next few days to help the provinces finance their administration and meet their

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financial obligations in a better way than they can do now?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, one of the items on the agenda will be the sharing of tax sources. At any rate, we will discuss these matters in a serious way as of tomorrow.

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Could the Minister of Finance tell us if, during this conference on the state of provincial and federal finances, the financial problems of the provinces and of the federal government will be discussed?

INQUIRY AS TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR POLICE FORCES

Mr. Georges-C. Lachance (Lafontaine): I should like to put a supplementary question.

I would like to ask the Minister of Finance whether financial assistance has been requested by the Quebec Justice Minister for the police forces in Québec and Ontario?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I know nothing about that except what I read in the *Montreal Gazette*.

[English]

MEETING OF FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL MINISTERS—
PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT'S GOALS REGARDING
UNEMPLOYMENT AND PRICE INCREASES

Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Inasmuch as the first item on the agenda of the conference with the premiers tomorrow is not known to us, can the Minister of Finance tell us whether or not the government is prepared to present at that time what its goals are with regard to unemployment and price increases in the coming year?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): I might say to the hon. member for Northumberland-Durham that the document was tabled and as soon as he ascertains the proper procedure I am sure he will get the document.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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Mr. Lawrence: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, because it is not covered in the little green book—

Some hon. Members: Yes, it is.

Mr. Foster: Check with Bill Davis.

Mr. Lawrence:—how do we get a copy of something that is tabled if we do not ask for it?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend is yelling that I have a copy. I want to assure you that I am just as devoid of copies as the hon. member for Northumberland-Durham.

Mr. Baldwin: On the same point of order, Mr. Speaker—