

Inquiries of the Ministry

is the Department of Transport aware of the situation and is a similar warning being issued to Canadian motorists?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I will have to consult the officials regarding the specific nature of the situation. The hon. member was good enough to send me the general notice from the United States national highway traffic safety administration. I note that it is a general warning at the moment and it does not require the specific notification of individual Corvair car owners. I assume we will be doing exactly the same thing, but I will look into it.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NOISE STANDARDS FOR
SNOWMOBILES

Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the consideration the department is giving to safety standards for snowmobiles, is the department also considering the establishment of reasonable noise standards for the use of such machines in order to reduce the serious problem of noise pollution?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker, and they are working at it twice as hard as before last weekend when my son nearly drove me out of my mind.

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AIR CANADA

GENERAL CONSOLIDATION OF TELEPHONE RESERVATION
SERVICES—PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES' JOBS

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Transport. Questions have been asked with reference to the submissions made by the Canadian Airline Employees Association with regard to the Air Canada reservations staff in Ottawa. Will there be any closing of other offices across Canada, particularly in Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): This was part of the discussions which were held yesterday. I am also expecting further information from Air Canada on their plans in this regard. They did tell me yesterday that it is part of a program which it is anticipated will be expanded to other parts of the country. They did not give me the specific locations. I have asked for them and will pass them on as soon as I get them.

Mr. Woolliams: When the minister does find out—equipment has already been installed in Calgary—will he also ascertain how many employees will be affected and whether a serious effort will be made to make certain that their jobs are protected and that they will be able to move to other departments of Air Canada?

Mr. Jamieson: Yes. I brought this up again yesterday at great length and I am told that the relationship between the union and the company is such, and the nature of their agreement is such, that personnel cannot be displaced as a result of technical changes of this sort.

[Mr. Mather.]

POWER

BAY OF FUNDY TIDES—REVIEW OF PROGRAMMING
BOARD'S REPORT

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North): I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the fact that the Premier of Nova Scotia is in town today, did the minister have a meeting with him and has he had any communication from him regarding a possible review of the programming board's report on the harnessing of Fundy tidal power?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): I had a meeting with the Premier of Nova Scotia this morning but it was not about that subject matter.

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URBAN AFFAIRS

METROPOLITAN TORONTO—SUPPORT FOR CO-ORDINATED
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): My question is for the Minister without Portfolio responsible for housing and urban affairs. Has the government decided to support a co-ordinated public transportation system for the metropolitan Toronto area?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): I want to thank the hon. member for giving me notice of his question this morning. The answer is that no such commitment has been made.

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POLLUTION

ST. CLAIR RIVER—SITUATION RESPECTING DUMPING OF
MERCURY BY DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Has Dow Chemical of Canada Limited, which is reportedly dumping .55 pounds of mercury per day into the St. Clair River, satisfied the federal government that this is an adequate standard for mercury pollution control?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): My understanding is that the Dow Chemical Company is not dumping any mercury into the river in that area. I will check our records, but my understanding is that all of its effluent is now being recycled and has been for many months.

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ALLEGED FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister which department has the crazy idea of spending \$50 million to take young people—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member has already put himself out of court. I wonder whether he might like to rephrase the question.