

Oral Questions

start behaving in a more responsible manner internationally?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Charlevoix.

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[Translation]

AIR TRANSPORT

CRASH OF AIRCRAFT AT TEMPLETON WEST—MEASURES TO PREVENT PILOTS FROM PERFORMING AEROBATICS—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

Mr. Gilles Caouette (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport.

After the crash of a Cessna last Saturday on a house in Templeton West, will the minister take the necessary measures to stop pilots of small aircraft from performing stunts over farm homes in this area or this municipality?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, it is a well known fact that Department of Transport regulations in this field are very strict. When an accident occurs, there is an investigation; as soon as we know the results of the investigation, we will see what is the responsibility of the pilot and what measures will have to be taken.

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[English]

GRAIN

REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE MOVEMENT OF GRAIN NOT IMPAIRED BY RAIL STRIKE

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice as the minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. It arises out of a question posed by the hon. member for St. John's East regarding the impending rail strike. Can he advise the House if he has had any discussions with the Minister of Labour and the Minister of Transport regarding the effects which a strike would have on the movement of grain, and can he assure the House that adequate steps will be taken by the government to ensure that the delivery and movement of grain will not be impaired by reason of a strike?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Yes, we have had discussions, Mr. Speaker. I would not speculate on the impact of any hypothetical event except to assure the hon. member that, as always, we will do everything we can to see that the farmers of the country are protected.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Mr. Benjamin: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the government House leader. In view of the answer given by the Minister of Agriculture to a question by the hon. member for Vancouver Kingsway, and his complaints about the crop insurance bill which was reported back from the Agriculture Committee on

[Mr. Leggatt.]

June 8, some five weeks ago, will the government House leader advise why it has not been called forward, if the Minister of Agriculture is—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member knows that that is not a point of order.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, may I rephrase the point made by my colleague, the hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre. I address this to the government House leader. In view of the belief I have that the House would quickly pass order No. 12, the crop insurance amending bill which is posted for report stage and third reading, could that item be called now ahead of order No. 54?

Mr. Whelan: If I had not said what I said, you would not be saying what you are saying.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT**AMENDMENT TO SUSPEND OPERATION OF ACT**

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-208, to suspend the operation of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Peel South) moved:

That Bill C-208, An Act to suspend the operation of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, be amended in clause 4 by deleting the words "1st day of January, 1975" where they appear on lines 4, 8 and 9 at page 2 and by substituting therefor the words "1st day of July, 1974".

Mr. Speaker: Would the hon. member indicate the seconder of the motion?

Mr. Blenkarn: The hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon).

Mr. Speaker: There may be some difficulty in this respect. The hon. member is not in his seat.

Mr. Bell: Then I will second it.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Mr. Blenkarn: Mr. Speaker, I want to say a few things, prior to getting into detail on the amendment, to indicate why the House should adopt the amendment. It took a long time for Parliament to get around to passing the Electoral Boundaries Re-adjustment Act which was finally passed in the 1964-1965 session, and became chapter 31 of the statutes of that year. It set up a non-partisan commission. It strikes me that, if anything is going to be done in terms of the re-adjustment of electoral boundaries, the concept of a non-partisan commission would have to be considered by the House.