

Statements by Ministers

We are completely aware of the sensitivities, the concerns, and feelings of the relatives.

Both countries, after a thorough examination, felt that it was not a practical thing to do. It was not workable under the circumstances, and the two countries together decided not to proceed with that plan, but to go ahead with the memorial service.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Twelve o'clock.

[Translation]

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): The Prime Minister having left, Mr. Speaker, I will wait, preferring to raise my question of privilege when he is here.

[English]

The first opportunity is now to pose a question of privilege, but I like to practise civility and I would like to do it in the presence of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney). I will be guided by you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Hon. Member is claiming a question of privilege arising out of Question Period. He has the right to do it now, or he has the opportunity to send me a notice about it. If he is now saying that he knows it now his obligation is to raise it now.

Mr. Prud'homme: I will be very brief. I will reserve my right to elaborate at the appropriate time, except to say that as it is customary I was a delegate at the French Summit and everybody knows all the Members of Parliament in attendance there, ten of us, were on a *per diem*. I will reserve my right to say more in due time.

Mr. Speaker: There is no such right. That is the Member's question of privilege? I am trying to say to the Hon. Member that if he has a question of privilege arising out of Question Period he has to raise it now.

Mr. Prud'homme: Mr. Speaker, when I say I will elaborate later that does not mean here. As I was saying, I am not the type to get excited over these issues. However if I heard it properly, the Right Hon. Prime Minister is saying that the Hon. Member from Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme) ate the same food and stayed at the same place. Well, it is not exactly according to the fact. I do not want to get over excited about it. I was, like any other Member of Parliament, ten of us, on a *per diem*, and I stand my case there for the moment.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member knows that is not a question of privilege.

[Translation]

PETITIONS**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table in both official languages the Government response to six petitions, Nos. 331-525, 331-540, 331-541, 331-542, 331-544 and 331-546.

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[English]

STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT**ANNIVERSARY OF CRASH OF AIR-INDIA FLIGHT 182**

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind the House, and all Canadians, of a tragic yet important anniversary in the aviation world.

On Sunday, June 23, 1985, Air-India Flight 182, enroute to England from Toronto and Montreal crashed into the North Atlantic off Ireland killing all 329 persons onboard.

On this anniversary of the Air-India disaster all Members of this House, and indeed all Canadians, feel again the deep sorrow and sadness at such a tragic loss of life.

The observation of the anniversary involves three countries, Canada, India and Ireland. On June 23, 1986 Canada will be participating in the benediction of a special memorial erected on land donated to Canada and India in perpetuity by the Government of Ireland on the seaside of Dunmanus Bay 200 miles west of where Flight 182 plunged into the grey Atlantic a year ago. The memorial bears this simple inscription, "In honour of those who died in the Air India flight".

At this time I want to extend once more our thanks and appreciation to the Government and citizens of Ireland for their tireless efforts in assisting with the search and the compassion and concern which they showed to the relatives and friends of the deceased while at Cork.

The Air-India tragedy, the bombing of Canadian Pacific Air Flight 003 at Narita Airport in Japan, and subsequent international terrorist attacks against civil aviation have generated a need for improved airport and aviation security throughout the world. For our part we have responded to this new reality and have continued to upgrade and improve our security procedures and equipment. Our desire is sincere and our efforts are unceasing to ensure that Canadians do not suffer from international terrorism in the future.

As we once again turn our minds to Cork and the Atlantic where the victims of the Air-India disaster perished we think of the sadness and sense of loss endured by the relatives and the friends of those victims. We pledge to them, to this House, and to all Canadians our Government's continued commitment and