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the parties to resolve this dispute, with all the assistance that we can afford them, then there is only one other recourse and the hon. member is aware of that. I do not believe that forcing any type of settlement at this stage is warranted, especially in view of the encouraging reports I am now receiving.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Hamilton West, the hon. member for Trinity, and then the hon. member for Timiskaming on a supplementary to a previous question.

Mr. Alexander: I have one last supplementary question. The minister can be assured that we on this side of the House do believe in collective bargaining, but at this time would the minister not agree that it is time he took a personal interest in this matter and intervened in order to prevent a disaster from occurring? Summer is just around the corner, and we have commitments with respect to cargo and with respect to passengers.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That is a speech.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Minister of Transport. Would the minister agree that members of the government should voluntarily cease the use of Department of Transport aircraft during the duration of the strike in order to heighten the government's awareness of the inconvenience to the travelling public?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, one airline is on strike. If it is a new principle that the hon. member wants to establish, perhaps we will have to sell all the aircraft because there is always a strike somewhere in Canada.

AIRPORTS

SUGGESTED COMBINING OF LANDING FEES AND CERTIFICATE OF AIRWORTHINESS FEES

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the changes being contemplated in the \$5 landing fee and the suggestion of a \$100 annual fee for landing at Department of Transport airports, will the minister consider combining the payment of the \$100 with the fee for the certificate of airworthiness so that only one collection will have to be made a year, thus making a saving for all concerned?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, this is something I might take under consideration.

[Later:]

SUGGESTED EXEMPTION OF STUDENT PILOTS FROM PAYMENT OF LANDING FEES

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Peel South): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact [Mr. Munro (Hamilton East).]

that student pilots are required in training to touch down many times at airports, will the minister's new regulations concerning landing fees exempt student pilots?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I think this is provided for in the regulations for one reason, namely, that there is an annual fee of \$100 for those pilots who are in training. That means that even if they land 50 times a day it does not cost them more.

MULTICULTURALISM

METHOD OF PROVISION OF FUNDS FOR ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN—MAINTENANCE OF PARLIAMENTARY CONTROL

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether to address my question to the President of the Treasury Board, who has been recently reduced from the rank of Acting Prime Minister, or to the Prime Minister who might wish to answer the question as it is important enough. In light of the fact that the payments referred to previously for advertising made under the responsibility of the Minister of State in charge of multiculturalism appear to have been quite improperly made under questionable devices, and in light of the fact that they follow the ten pages in the last three years detailed by the Auditor General regarding similar payments, will the Prime Minister instruct his ministers and the President of the Treasury Board that the cabinet is not to frustrate and defeat the wishes of parliament and lessen parliamentary control, and that payments must be made in accordance with the proper principle of parliamentary control of finance?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not have to give them that instruction. Every minister exercises his function in conformity with the will of parliament.

Some hon. Members: Oh. oh!

SOCIAL SECURITY

OLD AGE SECURITY ACT AND CANADA PENSION PLAN—POSSIBILITY OF LOWERING PENSIONABLE AGE TO 60—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, in view of the discussions that took place earlier in this session, but which were never finalized, concerning the possibility of lowering the pensionable age under the Old Age Security Act and the Canada Pension Plan to age 60, will the minister before the end of this session be making a statement on this matter?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I am sorry but I must advise my hon. friend and client that the answer is no.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, in view of the importance of this issue and the concern there