

representations, we might easily have thought there would be 150 recommendations, but in their wisdom they have left us with three or four. However, in those recommendations I think lie the seeds of the motion concerning the enormous difficulties facing the people for whom the aeroplane is not a luxury at all but an absolute necessity. Distances, times, access to health care, friends, families and businesses, all require adequate air service. I use the term "adequate" not necessarily advisedly; perhaps it is a more than adequate air service and perhaps what we need is a first-class air service. As someone who had operated in the area of general aviation—and lost my shirt, to tell you the truth—I know and understand the difficulties of operators having to use old aircraft and equipment. I also know the cost burden of new equipment. So we in this Chamber have a task in front of us and, hopefully, very soon the committee will be able to undertake precisely that which is recommended in the motion in front of us.

I know the Hon. Member for the Western Arctic (Mr. Nickerson) might want to make an intervention, and while I have acknowledged the role of the former Minister of Transport with respect to the difficulties up North, let there be no misunderstanding about the role played by the Hon. Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen), the Hon. Member for the Western Arctic, and the former Member for what was then the Eastern Arctic.

Mr. Murphy: Same name.

Mr. Forrestall: I apologize, I have forgotten. This problem has been with us for a long time and the problems are well known to us. I commend the Hon. Member for his motion and I hope that before six o'clock we might call the question and it will be the disposition, I trust, of the entire House to agree to the motion.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I recognize that it is almost six o'clock, but we did get started late so I would hope that, with the unanimous consent of the House, you may allow me some leeway before you see the clock. However, I am certainly going to be very brief in my remarks.

I support the general intent of the motion. Coming from the riding directly south of the riding of the Hon. Member who introduced the motion, I recognize that there are a lot of difficulties with regard to northern and remote travel. Although this resolution restricts itself to the Northwest Territories, it is my understanding that the other motion which will be before this House very soon will allow us to look at the broader picture regarding the problems faced by the people in the remote and in northern areas.

I had the opportunity to appear before the Air Transport Committee when it was making its study into the adequacy of air service into northern and remote areas. I pointed out some of the problems we face. I think we recognize that a system of deregulation which is quite suitable for communities such as Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal and even Winnipeg, perhaps does not make a lot of sense in communities with a total population of maybe 500, 600 or 700 people. At the same time,

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I believe that because we do have subsidies, indirect as they may be, for train and air transportation in the south and for the building of highways, we can therefore look at this in committee to make sure that we are being fair to people who live in these remote areas.

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In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that I am willing to see this motion go forward. I will have an opportunity to make more recommendations in the committee. I think it is a worthwhile project for us. Even though the Committee on Air Transport has looked into many of these areas in the past, it is of great value for Members of Parliament to find out for themselves what is going on. It is easy to read reports. I, like many Members in the Chamber, have read a number of reports over the last few years. However, it is not the same as listening to people in those areas who are for or against a particular position. In that way one comes to understand the feelings of people in those remote areas and the problems that they face.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion (Mr. Suluk) agreed to.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Order please. The hour provided for the consideration of Private Member's Business has now expired.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[*English*]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 45 deemed to have been moved.

FISHERIES—CODFISH—SIZE OF WEST GERMAN CATCH. (B)
GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. George Baker (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, the issue we will be talking about for the next couple of minutes is very serious; that is, what is wrong with the Government and the system when there is such drastic over-fishing taking place off Canada's coastline with no action being taken. I suppose it fits in with the general pattern of the Government of Canada.