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Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Yes, that is correct.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I do not share the hon. member's view that that is the correct constitutional position, and I am glad to be supported by the right hon. gentleman from Prince Albert who said that the Governor General has nothing to do with it.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Has either of the right hon. gentlemen read the constitution lately?

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I will recognize the hon. member for St. John's East on a last supplementary, but I must bring to the attention of hon. members the fact that we will soon be running short of time and there are quite a few members who have not had an opportunity to ask a question. If we spend too much time on supplementaries and I have to make too many observations, we will run out of time.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. Has the minister been consulted on this matter either by the Premier of Newfoundland or the Lieutenant Governor?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, perhaps you had not realized it but, with all deference, I think this question is not within my competence. However, the answer is no.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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BANKRUPTCIES**INCREASE IN BUSINESS FAILURES—INQUIRY AS TO PREVENTIVE MEASURES AND REPORTS**

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the hon. Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

In view of the increasing number of bankruptcies in Canada and the considerable loss of tax revenues they represent for the government, which amounted to \$190,173.01 for the last twelve months, could the hon. minister say whether the Bankruptcy Branch succeeded in preventing many bankruptcies or whether it published reports?

[English]

Hon. Ron. Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, there was a report tabled earlier this year proposing revisions to the Bankruptcy Act. This is being studied and representations are being received.

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AIRPORTS**COMPLETION OF NEW TERMINAL AT TORONTO INTERNATIONAL—DECISION ON SITE OF NEW FACILITY**

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Transport whether any extraor-

dinary steps have been taken to expedite the completion of the second terminal at the Toronto International Airport, and can the minister inform the House when we may expect a decision on the site for a second airport for Toronto and the neighbouring area?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, as to the first question, the situation is that we have changed the contract with the contracting company to employ a very substantial additional number of workers and increase the pace of the work over the winter. This will have the double objective of getting more people to work and getting the first section of the terminal open by April and the full terminal open by June. In regard to the second question, the answer is the same as I gave a week ago.

May I have the indulgence of the House to add to an answer I gave a few moments ago to the hon. member for Mackenzie, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps we might return to that question in a moment. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Egmont.

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AIR TRANSPORT**SUGGESTED CONTINUATION OF SERVICE TO SUMMERSIDE, P.E.I. BY EASTERN PROVINCIAL AIRLINES**

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, my question is also for the Minister of Transport. In view of the recent decision to review the situation in regard to suspending Eastern Provincial Airlines service to Summerside in light of EPA once again carrying air mail, and since there is a very short period of time here, I wonder whether or not the minister would request Eastern Provincial to continue its service since the original suspension date was for early in January. Second, has the minister conferred with Eastern Provincial officials and considered with them the possibility of continuing service under these new circumstances?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have done neither because I am in the awkward position, as the hon. member knows, of having been advised formally that I will be receiving an appeal from the decision of the CTC. In view of those circumstances it would not be proper for me to consult with the parties in advance of receiving the appeal. Given these new circumstances, I will look into the matter and see what I can do to accommodate the hon. member.

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INDUSTRY**U.S.-CANADA AUTO PACT—POSSIBLE CANADIAN AGREEMENT TO SUSPEND SAFEGUARDS FOR TWO YEARS**

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Two days ago it was denied in the House that the Secretary of State for External Affairs had said there