

and Air Canada pension funds that were on deposit with the Canadian Commercial Bank.

As honourable senators will recall, on March 29, I asked the Minister of State (Finance) a series of ten questions during her attendance here in this chamber. One of the answers the minister gave me at that time was:

I just want to assure the honourable senator that the pension fund is safe because there is a combined benefit plan.

Perhaps the Leader of the Government in the Senate could tell me what that benefit plan consists of, and where it is located.

Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government): If my honourable friend is talking about a deposit with the Canadian Commercial Bank by the institutions that he has mentioned, I think that it is quite probable that they will be included in the guarantee of depositors that will be contained in the forthcoming bill. If it is another matter, then it is something I will have to take as notice because I have no immediate information on the matter. Perhaps that could be elucidated.

Senator Turner: Honourable senators, on June 5, the honourable Minister of State (Finance) sent me a reply to my question as follows:

In response to your question concerning the protection afforded to the various pension funds by the support package, you should be aware that there is no guarantee that the pension funds are fully protected.

Why has the minister given me two answers to the same question?

Senator Roblin: Unless I know the nature of the financial relationship between the pension funds and the bank I am unable to understand what my honourable friend is driving at. Were these pension funds on deposit in the bank, or is the relationship something other than that? That has to be made clear.

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I know that my honourable friend is seeking information, so if he would be kind enough to give me the correspondence he has on the matter, so that I can understand more clearly, I will attempt to obtain a better answer for him, if that is what he is looking for.

Senator Turner: I sent the minister ten questions and asked for ten answers. I would be quite happy if I received those answers.

Senator Roblin: Could my honourable friend let me have the correspondence so that I can take it up with the minister?

BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT 1985

TECHNOLOGY, GROWTH AND EMPLOYMENT WORKING GROUP REPORT

Question No. 10 on the Order Paper—By **Hon. Lorna Marsden:**

11th June—With regard to the reference made in paragraph 18 of the Final Communiqué of the Bonn Economic Summit 1985 to a report from the Technology, Growth and Employment Working Group on the work done in the eighteen areas of co-operation, (i) has this report been made public to Canadians; (ii) if so, how can Canadians obtain it; (iii) if not, why not?

Reply from the Secretary of State for External Affairs:

(i) Yes

(ii) By contacting the Media Relations Division, National Research Council or the Science, Technology and Communications Division, Department of External Affairs.

TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Question No. 11 on the Order Paper—By **Hon. Lorna Marsden:**

11th June—With reference to the Ministerial Conference on Technological Development and Employment, held in Venice, (i) is there a report; (ii) if so, where may Canadians obtain it; (iii) if not, who represented Canada at this Conference; (iv) when will a report be available?

Reply from the Secretary of State for External Affairs:

(i) A report is under preparation by the Italian organizing authorities.

(ii) When produced, it will be available from the Science, Technology and Communications Division of the Department of External Affairs.

(iii) The head of delegation was the Honourable Flora MacDonald.

(iv) It is expected that the report will be available by mid-summer 1985.

BANKING, TRADE AND COMMERCE

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO MEET DURING SITTINGS OF THE SENATE

Leave having been given to proceed to Order No. 5:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Murray, seconded by the Honourable Senator Phillips:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce, which was authorized by the Senate on June 25, 1985, to study and report upon the documents entitled: "The Regulation of Canadian Financial Institutions: Proposals for Discussion" and "Final Report of the Working Committee on the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC)", have power to sit at three thirty o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesdays and at three o'clock in the afternoon on Thursdays for the