

*Canadair Limited Divestiture Act*

jobs which could be lost if the House took much too much time adopting this Bill.

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** On questions or comments, the Hon. Member for Sarnia—Lambton (Mr. James).

**Mr. James:** My question is to the Hon. Member who just spoke. Do the statements in response to what has been said about the sale fit into the brief that he has received? One statement is that "It looks very promising". This was said by Normand Cherry, President, Local 712, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. "I think that (it) means jobs will stay here. I have confidence in Bombardier". This was said by Jean-Luc Bélanger, a Canadair employee. "We need to develop new markets and this might help to do that". This was said by Patrice Bleau, a Canadair employee.

Does the Hon. Member feel that these statements fit into the brief that he received from the union today?

**Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** The hon. gentleman is being more precise than I was. This is exactly the position of the union. It wants this Bill passed. The Hon. Member has given more details of documents that I have left in my office.

**Mr. Andre:** The NDP is anti-union.

**Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** These statements exemplify the opinion of these workers that this Bill be passed. Without mentioning names, the Canadair workers in Montreal have been in contact with members of the New Democratic Party attempting to change their mind and speed up the passage of this legislation. Usually one is led to believe that the NDP has close contacts with unionized labour. Some even quip that it takes its advice from there. Certainly not in this case, I suggest.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, I beg once again of all Hon. Members and especially my colleagues from the New Democratic Party not to delay unduly the adoption of this Bill.

[English]

**Mr. Waddell:** They have changed our mind. We are prepared to have the vote on the Bill today. Would the Hon. Member hand me the union brief? Does he have a copy of the brief?

**Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** I do not have a copy of the brief with me, but I will certainly make sure that the brief reaches the New Democratic Party today. Maybe if one of our friends here has the brief, he would do us the courtesy of handing it to the Hon. Member.

In any event, the brief has been sent to the Clerk of the Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce, Mr. Timothy Wilson. He has a copy of it on the Hill.

**Mr. Waddell:** Obviously, the union brief is on its way. We will be pleased to consider that brief in front of the committee first thing on Monday morning, and we will get the Bill into committee then.

I cannot remember what the Hon. Member's first quote was from the Member from Regina, but at page 1866 of *Hansard* the Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin), states:

I believe it was bad in that particular case—

He was talking about one particular locomotive. He went on:

—but, to be completely fair, it inherited some of its badness from M. L. Worthington Locomotive Works... However, that has nothing to do with the lack of viability of Bombardier. I think it is a viable company and it has manufactured many good products. I remember riding in the first snow vehicles made by Bombardier. They had a cab and were much bigger than the snowmobiles they presently make. I believe that Bombardier was one of the originators of that vehicle.

Then the Hon. Member went on to say why he thinks the Crown should have some equity share in the company. Did the Hon. Member quote that in his speech? If he did not, why?

**Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** I did not quote that. I am glad that now it has been quoted.

**Mr. Waddell:** Why won't you be fair?

**Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** I am going to tell you why. I think I have hit you hard enough in my speech that I do not have to go to another aspect of your speech which is fence-sitting of the worst kind, on the one hand chastising a company for being bad, then in the next paragraph saying that it is a good company. This is a wishy-washy type of thing which is trying to be on both sides of the issue. We think that Bombardier is a good company. So I can add that one more blow to my speech.

**Mr. Waddell:** We can too.

**Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** Well, you tell your friend that he has to determine where he stands. Either Bombardier is a good company or a bad company.

[Translation]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme) for a short question.

**Mr. Prud'homme:** Mr. Speaker, quickly before the lunch break, since I will be speaking again this afternoon.

I should like to ask my friend the Hon. Member for Saint-Jacques (Mr. Guilbault) whether he called the attention of Mr. Cherry, the Union President, as well as the authorities, owners, Canadair workers, Montreal and Ville Saint-Laurent city councils, on the unbelievable remarks made by the Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin) concerning—

**Mr. Waddell:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Prud'homme:** —but what I want to know, and I understand that the Hon. Member is getting nervous, because