

[English]

**AIR CANADA****ALLEGED LACK OF GOVERNMENT POLICY AND  
DIRECTION—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT**

**Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the statements that have been made by the chairman of Air Canada to the effect that the lack of direction and clear enunciation of government policy is causing a great deal of hardship and difficulty in the administration of Air Canada, is he prepared to make a statement on motions at a very early date to clarify this important matter?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, unfortunately it was impossible for me to discuss this matter with the chairman of Air Canada. He is out of the country and has been for about ten days.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** He will fly back, I am told, by Air Canada tomorrow.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** I will then have an opportunity to meet him and discuss with him the report of the newspaperman, not the statement.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Could the minister indicate to the House whether he has received a draft set of policy objectives which was forwarded to the minister by the chairman of Air Canada, and can he indicate to the House the nature of his response?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** I have many communications with the president of Air Canada, many of them on policies, and this is what we are studying now. I made an announcement in the House the other day that after we had assigned the German and Chinese routes to the companies, within a few weeks we will be in a position to make another statement concerning the future designation of routes. This is based on discussions with Air Canada, and in particular its chairman.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Is it the minister's intention to bring to the House a new set of policies, policy objectives and guidelines for the operation of Air Canada?

[Translation]

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, I intend to keep on co-operating with these two large companies which are CP Air and Air Canada in order to assign international routes in an equitable manner for the greatest benefit of all Canadians.

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[Later:]

**Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to return to a question asked earlier by the hon. member for Vegreville of the Minister of Transport. In view of possible conflict between the minister's department and the top management of Canadian air carriers, can the minister say whether, from the government's

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point of view, Canada's air carriers are conversant with what is expected of them?

[Translation]

[Later:]

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, I do not admit the premises . . .

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member for Richmond.

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[English]

**URBAN AFFAIRS****TORONTO—PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHMENT OF  
WATERFRONT PARK**

**Mr. J. E. Walker (York Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. Last fall the government announced its intention to acquire land on the Toronto waterfront for the purpose of creating a waterfront park.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Walker:** Now that summer is fast approaching, can the minister tell the House, and particularly the people of Toronto, what progress has been made and whether Torontonians will be able to enjoy the park this coming summer?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, considerable progress has been made in the establishment of the Macdonald park.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Basford:** I had a very successful meeting yesterday with the mayor of Toronto, the chairman of metro Toronto and the provincial minister involved. All of the property is under acquisition by the federal Department of Public Works. Part of the park will be available for the public of Toronto this summer, and we will be having a public information meeting in the mayor's chambers on Monday night.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****CYPRUS—EFFECT OF CIVIL UNREST ON CANADIAN  
PEACEKEEPING FORCES**

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and/or his colleague the Minister of National Defence. In view of Canada's rather unhappy experience in Viet Nam in peace supervision and the lengthy, extended role of Canada's peacekeeping forces in Cyprus, would the minister advise the House in what way those forces might be affected by what appears to be an upsurge of civil unrest in the island of Cyprus?