

audience in the next day or so to members of the fishermen's union representing fishermen on the west coast of British Columbia?

**Mr. Marchand:** Mr. Speaker, I will take that under consideration. Of course, we members from British Columbia are always very much concerned with the views of the fishermen on the west coast.

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[Translation]

#### INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES FROM ORGANIZATION—  
INQUIRY WHETHER CANADA WILL INCREASE CONTRIBUTION

**Mr. Claude-André Lachance (Lafontaine-Rosemont):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour. Given President Carter's recent decision to get the United States of America out of the International Labour Organization and to cease contributing to its financing, could the minister tell the House whether the Canadian government intends to help the ILO bridge the financial gap left by the U.S. withdrawal by increasing its usual contribution, and this in order to allow the organization to carry on its activities, if possible, at the same level as before; at the same time this would allow us to reassert Canadian support for the ILO?

[English]

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, yes, we are concerned about the United States withdrawal from the ILO. There are many meetings going on right now in Geneva with respect to the restructuring of the ILO to make up for the deficiencies which will result from the United States withdrawal in terms of funding. Canada is very much a part of that. We will adopt as constructive an attitude as possible in an attempt to enable this organization to carry on the job it is trying to do in terms of upgrading the standards of workers.

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#### AIRPORTS

CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES AT CHARLOTTETOWN—  
ALLEGED DELAY FOR ECONOMIC REASONS

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Minister of Transport. In light of the current and disturbing reports that the construction of an adequate airport in Charlottetown is now being further delayed for "economic reasons", will the minister advise or ascertain if such a decision, which *inter alia* will contribute to unemployment in Prince Edward Island, has in fact been taken?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, that matter is now under study with the Department of

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Transport, and as soon as there is an announcement to make, the Minister of Transport will make it in the House. I believe there could be one during the next few weeks.

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[English]

#### FINANCE

SUGGESTED CANCELLATION OF TAX CONCESSIONS TO  
CORPORATIONS

**Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. In view of the minister's announcement that his government would continue the \$1.2 billion tax concessions for large corporations announced last March as a means to stimulate expansion and job creation; and in view of the fact that these concessions are worth \$11 million to Alcan, which has announced lay-offs of 400 workers in Newfoundland, that Northern Telecom will gain \$3 million and will be laying off over 1,000 workers, and that INCO will gain \$10 million and is laying off nearly 4,000 workers, will the minister, in light of the failure of this policy in job creation, now cancel these tax concessions to corporations and direct them, instead, to ordinary Canadians to stimulate demand and hence job creation?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, as I said earlier, we cannot apply a selective tax policy for one corporation and a different one for another.

**Mr. Broadbent:** That was not the question.

**Mr. Chrétien:** Anyway, we will have a chance to deal with those things because we will be dealing with second reading of this bill later today.

**Mr. Symes:** Mr. Speaker, the minister has not answered my broad question on the relative merits of that tax policy. I should like to ask why he believes businesses will use these tax concessions to expand and create jobs when already industry is only operating at about 80 per cent capacity due to reduced demand? Surely, the fact that we have had over 34,000 lay-offs in manufacturing alone during the past eight months indicates—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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#### ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

ALLEGED THEFT OF DYNAMITE—REFERENCE TO EARLIER  
THEFT OF DYNAMITE

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Solicitor General. I wonder if the hon. Minister can advise me if the cache of dynamite referred to by the Solicitor General as being stolen is the same dynamite which was the subject of a very impassioned discussion by the then minister of transport some years ago, and which the