

## AIRPORTS

## VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL—POSSIBILITY SAND DREDGED FROM FRASER RIVER TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THIRD RUNWAY

**Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that on November 5 in the Vancouver papers there appeared an invitation for tenders to dredge sand at Borrow site number three on the north arm of the Fraser River and to pile it on McDonald Road which is on the north shore of Sea Island, can the minister tell me, in respect of this particular contract which has been put out by his department, whether the sand that is being dredged is contemplated for use on a new or third runway at the Vancouver airport.

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, it is sand which might be useful for that purpose if a decision to build that runway goes ahead. There is a time interval between the time the sand can be obtained and the time the necessary dredging takes place and we are therefore acquiring the sand. As I indicated earlier that does not prejudice the question of whether or not the runway will be built.

**Mr. Fraser:** Mr. Speaker, in 1978, which is the time for decision according to the Minister of the Environment, if the decision is not to go ahead will the minister assure us that the sand will be put back into the river.

**Mr. Lang:** No, Mr. Speaker. I am told that the dredging going on and which is contemplated is required in any case. We are saving the sand in case we need it. It may be that the hon. member would be able to ask me what we will do with the sand if we do not need it for that purpose.

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## CENTRAL MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

## ALLEGATION OF INFLUENCE IN GRANTING MORTGAGE TO YORK PLACE OF HAMILTON

**Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. Last month the former minister of state for urban affairs indicated he could not answer a question in connection with the mortgage of Central Housing and Mortgage Corporation to York Place of Hamilton Incorporated because it was under consideration by the courts. I have checked thoroughly into this matter and find there is nothing before the courts. In view of the former minister's comments that if there were any irregularities he would want to be the first to know about them so that he could check into them, I should like to know if the minister has now checked into the influence exerted by the employees of the office of the minister and who was instructed to approach the office of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation in Hamilton for the purpose of influencing the decision which had been handed down to decline an increase in the amount of the mortgage granted by CMHC?

## Oral Questions

[Translation]

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I think the question involved an accusation or an innuendo concerning an employee of the Minister of Labour (Mr. Munro), and with your permission, I would like the Minister of Labour to answer this question.

[English]

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I would be pleased to reply to the hon. member. Yesterday an article appeared in *The Spectator*—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Vancouver Quadra did in fact make a very serious allegation. The hon. member may want to put the question to the Minister of Labour but until he does I think the minister will have to remain in his seat.

● (1440)

## REASON FOR INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE GRANTED TO YORK PLACE OF HAMILTON

**Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra):** Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. Since the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation comes under his jurisdiction will the minister tell the House why the decision of the Hamilton office of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation was reversed and the mortgage, originally for \$5.7 million, was increased to \$7.2 million?

[Translation]

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I will examine the issue raised by the hon. member and give him an answer as soon as possible. But I fail to understand why he does not want to put a question to the Minister of Labour, who would certainly be able to clarify the situation and put an end to such insinuations.

[English]

## GRANTING OF MORTGAGE TO YORK PLACE OF HAMILTON—ALLEGATION OF INFLUENCE BY OFFICE OF MINISTER OF LABOUR

**Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra):** A final supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I will accept the minister's invitation and direct it to the Minister of Labour. Can the minister tell us what influence was exerted by his office on the decision of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation in Hamilton to increase the mortgage to York Place of Hamilton Incorporated?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, because of allegations of a similar nature that were made, I did not respond. My lawyers issued a writ against the *Hamilton Spectator* and it is my understanding that a statement of claim was filed within the last few days. If the hon. member wishes to add to such insinuations I would be more than happy to have him stand outside then perhaps I could add him as co-defendant.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Let us see the guts now.