

complaints by the town council and chamber of commerce of Parry Sound concerning pollution caused by iron ore carrying vessels pumping polluted ballast into Georgian Bay, can the minister say whether any action is contemplated by his department to rectify this situation?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am not personally aware of this particular incident and I will take the question as notice. Of course, if there has been a breach and we can identify the culprits the normal course of the law will be followed.

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NATIONAL PARKS

QUEBEC—ESTABLISHMENT OF PARK IN ST. MAURICE VALLEY

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I want to ask a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Has he received any resolutions from individuals, public agencies or intermediaries being opposed to the selected site for the future St. Maurice Valley National Park?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): I received many favourable requests and very few unfavourable representations, Mr. Speaker.

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COMMUNICATIONS

MEMINI SATELLITE PROJECT—INVOLVEMENT OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN QUEBEC AND FRANCE

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister regarding the involvement of the government of Quebec with the government of France in the regional telecommunication satellite project Memini, in respect of which the Quebec Minister of Communications recently made a statement. Can the Acting Prime Minister advise whether the Canadian government is being officially informed or is in any way involved in the discussions now going on in Paris on this important matter?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I saw this report in the newspapers also and I have made some inquiries. When I have the answer I shall give the particulars to the hon. member.

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AIR TRANSPORT

CONSULTATIONS WITH MANUFACTURERS OF DC-8 ON SPOILERS

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, on December 4, as recorded on page 1759 of *Hansard*, I asked the

Inquiries of the Ministry

Minister of Transport whether there were consultations between officials of his department and the manufacturer of the DC-8 for the purpose of perfecting the design of a fail-safe spoiler for that aircraft. The minister said he would look into the matter and report to the House. Has he now had an opportunity to do so and is he able to say whether such consultations are going on?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, in respect of consultations I am not sure whether they are continuing. I can say that the steps which were recommended or ordered by the Civil Aeronautics Board of the United States, in which we concurred, regarding the posting of the necessary notices, etc. in the cockpits of the DC-8's, and also the manual changes which were recommended, have been undertaken.

Mr. Nielsen: As the minister knows, the posting of notices is not a fail-safe device. Has he looked into the specific question of a fail-safe device to prevent the inadvertent deployment of these spoilers in the air?

Mr. Jamieson: As the hon. member is a pilot he has me at a bit of a disadvantage in terms of the technical side of this matter. I can only say that I have been advised by the officials that as a result of the incidents which brought this to the fore discussions by our department with the manufacturers and also with the airlines are under way. I would be pleased to get him a written statement indicating the status of these discussions at the moment.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We have less than ten minutes left in the question period. I must seek the co-operation of hon. members. If I allow two or three supplementaries to every question asked, we will be in difficulty in a few minutes. Perhaps the hon. member for Yukon might ask the last supplementary, and again I will seek the co-operation of hon. members to get on as quickly as possible.

Mr. Nielsen: My question is a related one and very brief. May I refer the minister to the answer to my question on December 1, to be found at page 1632 of *Hansard*, and ask him whether he is yet ready to report to the House, which he undertook to do at that time?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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TRANSPORT

POTENTIAL RISKS IN OPERATION OF CORVAIR AUTOMOBILES—WARNING TO CANADIAN OWNERS

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): I want to direct my question to the attention of the Minister of Transport. Having in mind the warning which has just been issued by the United States Department of Transportation alerting motorists to certain potential risks in the operation of General Motors Chevrolet Corvair models, 1961 to 1969,