

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, we will no doubt do all we can. We have not always waited for other jurisdictions to act; we have acted unilaterally when time came to help out groups of fishermen falling under the Fisheries Prices Support Act.

I shall look into the statements of the hon. member. I shall ask that they be confirmed, not that I doubt his word, but that I should like to know exactly what the facts are, and shall then advise him or the House.

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#### AIR TRANSPORT

##### BILLING OF CALPA AND CATCA FOR COSTS INCURRED DURING STRIKE NEGOTIATIONS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In light of the response he gave me on May 12 with respect to certain billings forwarded to CALPA and CATCA, in regard to their invitation by the government to come to Ottawa last June to assist the government and the ministry in the resolution of the air transport strike that was on at that particular time, I wonder if the minister is now in a position to indicate to these two organizations, and to the country, whether the government's policy will be to pick up the bills or the costs incurred for those two groups to come to Ottawa? That will indicate to us the government's policy with respect to the bringing of various groups into Ottawa for reasons of national importance.

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I would not speak about picking up bills because there are some costs which may well be borne by other organizations. On reviewing the file on this matter, I did conclude that there were reasons why the organizations might have been led to believe that the costs incurred by Transport Canada were going to be borne by Transport Canada, and I have directed that those costs not be pursued further with the organization.

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#### SUPPLY AND SERVICES

##### INQUIRY WHETHER MINISTER APPROVED DESIGN OF SILVER DOLLAR COMMEMORATING HER MAJESTY'S SILVER JUBILEE

**Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Kootenay):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Supply and Services; but in his absence, I will direct it to the Acting Prime Minister. Now that the brochure illustrating the design of the silver dollar struck to commemorate the silver jubilee of Her Majesty's accession to the throne has been released, I wonder whether the Acting Prime Minister could indicate if the design, with its unfortunate symbolism of an empty throne propped up against what appears to be one of the late Mackenzie King's handcrafted ruins, was personally approved by the Minister of Supply and Services?

#### Oral Questions

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure it was. In fact, I saw it myself and it reminded me of the Senate Chamber.

**Mr. Paproski:** It was a ruin, was it not?

##### STEPS TO ENSURE PROMPT DELIVERY OF SILVER DOLLAR COMMEMORATING HER MAJESTY'S SILVER JUBILEE

**Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Kootenay):** Mr. Speaker, I went down to the Senate yesterday to check it out for any similarity, and I could not find any.

My supplementary question is: assuming that collectors and people wanting souvenirs of the event may order sets featuring this coin as advertised, in spite of its design, what steps has the department taken, in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Mint, to avoid the extensive delays in delivery which have bothered those who ordered Olympic coins? I have had constituents who have waited almost a year for delivery. Now we have another offer, and one would hope we would have a better performance.

**Mr. Rod Blaker (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Supply and Services):** Mr. Speaker, I do not have an immediate answer for the hon. member with respect to the delays. I will inquire today and be ready to answer him tomorrow.

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#### ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

##### BREAK-IN AT L'AGENCE DE PRESSE LIBRE—REQUEST STATEMENT INCLUDE CHARGES AGAINST OFFICERS AND INFORMATION ON PRAXIS BREAK-IN

**Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I have just a brief supplementary question for the Acting Prime Minister. It is in regard to a question which was asked of him earlier with respect to the statement expected on June 9 by the Solicitor General. Encouraged by the commitment the hon. Minister made about the comprehensiveness of the statement which the minister will make, I would like assurance that the Acting Prime Minister will communicate to his colleagues two critical points which we consider to be important. One is that the minister will include in his statement the charge which was laid against the officers who broke into the newspaper office in Montreal, and whether it was the same charge which was laid and to which they finally pleaded guilty. The other question relates to an assurance that the comprehensive statement includes those actions which were carried on in 1971 in the office of Praxis Corporation in Toronto.