

Inquiries of the Ministry

part of my question. In the unfortunate temporary absence of the chairman of the committee, who is the only one who can call the committee, would the minister make appropriate arrangements?

AIR TRANSPORTSERVICE OF AIR LINE PILOTS UNDER
CONDITIONS OF FATIGUE

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Transport whether he now has an answer ready to the question I asked him last Friday, dealing with the hours that airline pilots are permitted to travel per month?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the answer is no; but I hope to have the answer for the hon. member in a day or so. We are making a complete investigation.

PUBLIC SERVICESUPERANNUATED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES—
REQUEST FOR INCREASED PENSIONS

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the national assembly of Quebec has passed through all stages its bill 45, which increases the pensions of all retired civil servants of Quebec who retired up to the beginning of this year and provides for the automatic escalation of pensions of retired civil servants from now on, will the government of Canada study this bill in the hope that Canada may at least do as well for its retired civil servants?

Mr. Speaker: L'honorable député de Lafontaine.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since the Prime Minister did not get to his feet to answer my question, I wonder whether the Prime Minister and the President of the Treasury Board will accept with my compliments copies of Quebec's bill 45 so they may study it? I shall send copies over to them.

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING
CORPORATION**COMMENTS OF FRENCH BROADCASTERS
RESPECTING ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARADE

[*Translation*]

Mr. Georges-C. Lachance (Lafontaine): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State.

[*Mr. Nesbitt.*]

Does he intend to inquire into or to refer to the Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts the matter of the responsibility given to Messrs. Pierre Perreault and Bernard Gosselin, with regard to the St. Jean Baptiste Day celebrations in Montreal? I suggest their comments made on the public network were a proof of incompetence and impudence, besides being foolish and insignificant.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

EDMONTON, ALTA.—POSSIBLE DELAY IN
INTRODUCING FRENCH LANGUAGE
STATION

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. In view of the government's freeze with respect to the C.B.C. budget over the next five years, will the minister say whether it is the government's expectation that the proposed French language television station in Edmonton will be postponed?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, there is no—

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not know whether this is a matter of urgency. If it is of urgency it can be debated at the time of adjournment.

GRAINWHEAT—INQUIRY AS TO ACCEPTANCE BY
CANADA OF LOWER INTERNATIONAL
PRICE—GUARANTEED FLOOR

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, in view of the absence of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and the Minister of Agriculture, may I direct my question to the Prime Minister. In light of the discussions now being carried on with other wheat producing countries of the world in regard to the international price of wheat is the report that Canada's representatives have been authorized to accept a lowering of the current agreed price correct?

Mr. Speaker: Order. According to the rules the hon. member cannot ask a minister to confirm or deny a report.

Mr. Thompson: May I reword my question, Mr. Speaker?