

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

near future, as there is urgency in that it is going ahead now and the taxpayers' money is being squandered?

[Translation]

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member for Calgary North should be the last person to raise this question because the National Parks Service has done more for Alberta than for any other province and if there are millions of visitors in Alberta, the credit goes to this government—

[English]

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

ALBERTA—ESTABLISHMENT OF FACILITY IN  
DINOSAUR AREA

**Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, while we are on the question of parks may I ask a supplementary question related to national parks in Alberta. In view of the statement made by officials of his department on the question of timber cutting in Wood Buffalo National Park, following the matter having been raised by myself and the hon. member for Skeena, can the minister tell us whether we are any nearer to having a national park in the dinosaur area of Alberta than we were one year ago when the minister from the Alberta government told the committee that the provincial government was prepared to negotiate the transfer or exchange—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I would think that this question ought to be placed on the Order Paper.

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HIGHWAYS

MONTREAL AND TORONTO—DISCUSSIONS WITH PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING EXPRESSWAYS—STE. SCHOLASTIQUE ACCESS ROUTE

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the controversies which have arisen in Montreal and Toronto over the construction of expressways, would the minister inform the House if his department is undertaking joint research with the provincial and municipal governments involved in order to bring about new solutions in the sphere of mass transit, particularly since the province of Quebec is indicating that it will use the majority of funds made available by the Minister of Finance to continue with the controversial trans-Canada link in the city of Montreal?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, that is quite a complicated question. I will do my best to answer it briefly. In the first instance, we have a section within the department which is working closely with the provinces on the question of rapid transit within the large metropolitan areas. Our primary responsibility at the moment is in general research not

[Mr. Woolliams.]

connected with any one specific project, such as the ones the hon. member referred to in Toronto and Montreal. In the case of Montreal, there is an added complexity or an added federal involvement in view of our participation in a route system to link Ste. Scholastique airport. Meetings on that subject have not yet taken place, certainly not at the ministerial level. For that reason I am not really in a position to say just what attitude we would adopt with regard to work that has already begun on a controversial section of this road. There may be something to report after our first meeting with the province.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** A supplementary question. The reason I raise this question is that controversies have arisen. The Minister of Finance has indicated that supplementary work—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Will the hon. member kindly ask the supplementary. That is why he is seeking the floor.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** This is a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, and it was part of my original question which remains unanswered. In light of the funds being made available by the federal government, the province of Quebec has indicated it is going ahead with its proposals respecting the Trans-Canada highway—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I regret I have to interrupt the hon. member. It seems we are reaching the area of debate. It seems to me that the hon. member's supplementary goes beyond the limited terms of a question.

[Translation]

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Minister of Transport a supplementary question.

In view of the fact that \$68 million have been made available to Quebec to provide jobs through the construction of expressways, is the minister in a position to say if the total amount will be used to build roads in Montreal?

[English]

**Mr. Jamieson:** No, Mr. Speaker. I am speaking from memory but, as I recall, the amount that was specifically assigned to help with the construction of access routes to Ste. Scholastique airport was in the neighbourhood of \$20 million. That has not yet been assigned specifically to any one route. We have simply stated that in principle this is what we are prepared to do. The discussions with the province with regard to how it is to be employed have not yet taken place.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** A supplementary question. This immediately points up that the minister misunderstood or did not seize the import of my previous question. I am not talking about the \$20 million and the airport roads. I am referring to the money which the Minister of Finance indicated yesterday was being made available by way of loans to the provinces. The province of Quebec has now stated that as far as its share is concerned it will be used—