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#### AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

**Ms. Mary Clancy (Halifax):** Mr. Speaker, I call upon the Minister of Transport to act immediately to investigate the situation at the Halifax International Airport and to assign more air traffic controllers to that airport at once.

Last week, the under-staffed control tower was shut down for two hours by a controller exhausted from two 16-hour shifts in less than two days. The unidentified controller worked the extended shifts for a sick co-worker.

The controller on duty at Halifax is not to be blamed. He acted wisely and responsibly. As he was working his second 16-hour shift in two days, he understandably became tired. It was the proper course of action in the best interests of safety to turn his responsibilities over to Moncton. Nevertheless, one wonders what would have happened had an emergency situation developed at Halifax and what will happen in the future while understaffing remains a problem.

One wonders if it may not be the government's intention to see if Moncton's flight service centre should handle Halifax's much busier airport. Nova Scotians, however, are not prepared to accept that there is a suitable substitute for on site staff control facilities.

The controllers are an essential part of aviation safety and they must be located at all major airports handling passenger flights. The cutbacks to air traffic controllers, begun in the middle 1980s and continued in the most recent cuts are—

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member has exceeded her time.

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#### PUBLIC SERVICE

**Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Asiniboia):** Mr. Speaker, the Public Service Alliance of Canada and its president, Daryl Bean, have been intemperate in their response to the recent federal budget,

which restricts public service wage increases to 3 per cent per year over the next three years.

"Absolutely insane" rants Mr. Bean, while threatening a strike and suggesting that public service members defy any possible back-to-work legislation.

Can this be the same Public Service Alliance of Canada which has imposed a 3 per cent wage settlements on hundreds of its own employees? Is this the same Public Service Alliance which last year endured a strike from its own secretarial and administrative workers in order to arrive at a 3 per cent wage settlement?

Is this the same pretentious Daryl Bean who says it is okay for PSAC to give its employees 3 per cent and yet, in the same breath, says it is "absolutely insane" for the Government of Canada to do the same thing?

What sanctimony, Mr. Speaker, what utter hypocrisy. It is time the PSAC sought credible, responsible and consistent leadership.

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#### CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

**Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West):** Mr. Speaker, over 100 members of the Canadian Armed Forces arrived today at CFB Shearwater in Halifax County. I am sure all members want to join in welcoming these proud Canadians back to their home and native land.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Crosby:** It is time parliamentarians looked beyond the very moment of the day to the role played by our military forces in Canada and beyond. Paraphrasing the words of Sir Winston Churchill: "If we do not give them the tools, we cannot expect them to do the job".

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#### LAND CLAIMS

**Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley):** Mr. Speaker, on Friday the B.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice brought down his decision in the Gitksan—Wet'suwet'en land claims case.

In a decision that has set back many important previous decisions, the Chief Justice ruled that the Gitksan—Wet'suwet'en have no aboriginal claim to the area they have lived in for years.