

Oral Questions

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AIRPORTS**PICKERING TOWNSHIP SITE—INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF OFFICER APPOINTED TO CONSIDER OBJECTIONS TO EXPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. Ron Atkey (St. Paul's): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. Has he received the report of the hearing officer appointed on November 9 to consider objections to the expropriations for the Pickering airport?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I received the report last Friday. It consists mostly of a digest of all the objections that were put forward. We will look at the report and make our decision before February 4.

Mr. Atkey: Would the minister be so good as to advise us whether that report will be made available to members of the House and to the public?

Mr. Dubé: I have no basic objection, Mr. Speaker, but I shall confer with my colleagues.

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL—ROAD BUILDING AND RUNWAY EXPANSION—AWARDING OF TENDERS FOR BRIDGE WHILE HEARING IN PROGRESS

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport following my question to him on Monday. It concerns the Sea Island ratepayers and the public hearing that is taking place on the Hudson Street bridge. Today the minister's department awarded tenders for the Hudson Street bridge. I should like to ask the minister how the department can award tenders before the public have had a chance to be heard?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That question, of course, is posed in the form of an argument and it certainly is not in order.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**RECOVERY OF INCOME TAX FROM EMPLOYEES STATIONED IN UNITED STATES**

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State who is responsible for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. It is based upon a report made to the House by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts which recommended that the CBC should immediately take steps to attempt to recover \$134,573.99 from the 17 employees who were employed in the United States and did not pay income tax. Has the minister asked the CBC to take these steps, have they been taken, and if not, why?

[Mr. Chrétien.]

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, that preceded my appointment. I shall have to check the history of this matter and refer it to the CBC for a report.

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CANADIAN CULTURE**INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF BOARD ON MULTICULTURALISM**

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the right hon. Prime Minister. Would he please advise the House when he plans to name the advisory board on multiculturalism?

Hon. Stanley Haidasz (Minister of State): Mr. Speaker, may I answer this question? I should like to assure the hon. member that active consideration is being given to this matter and a decision will be made as soon as possible.

Mr. Paproski: The same question was asked of the Prime Minister last year in June or July and we received the same answer. There are seven million people, the silent minority, who would like to know a little more about what is happening.

Some hon. Members: Question!

Mr. Paproski: If the minister wants, I can handle this for him.

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TRANSPORT**ASSURANCE OF NO RAILWAY FREIGHT RATE INCREASE APPLICATIONS BEFORE MEETINGS WITH WESTERN PROVINCES CONCLUDED**

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. First, I wish to congratulate him on his appointment. I hope he knows one end of a boxcar from another.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): What's the difference? You tell us.

Mr. Benjamin: The difference is that there is a brake end and a non-brake end.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Benjamin: In view of the minister's discussions with the railways regarding freight rate increases, what assurances, if any, does he have that the railways will not file increases with the Canadian Transport Commission before the completion of the meetings with the four western provinces on this matter?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, there has been no formal undertaking in this regard.