

*Oral Questions***AIR TRANSPORT****REASON FOR NO ROUTE FOR CANADIAN CARRIER
BETWEEN OTTAWA AND WASHINGTON IN AGREEMENT
WITH UNITED STATES**

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a further supplementary to the Minister of Transport, and at the same time may I ask him to take the opportunity to reply to my second question. In view of the fact that the United States has a route from its national capital, Washington, to Montreal and Ottawa, would he advise why no route was obtained for Canada from Ottawa to Washington? Why has this not happened? Did Canada ask for such a route?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, there is a route now to Washington with a stop-over in Syracuse, but I think the point is very well taken. The proposed agreement will have to be ratified by both governments, and this is surely something we can look into. We have a commitment from the United States government that before the end of the year it will be ready to consider points that will be submitted to it in the spirit of the hon. member's suggestion.

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HIGHWAYS**PROPOSED ROAD FROM MAINE THROUGH NEW
BRUNSWICK TO QUEBEC—INVESTIGATION OF
FEASIBILITY**

Mr. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the strong support recently expressed by the Governor of the State of Maine for a direct corridor road from Maine through New Brunswick to Quebec, will the Prime Minister investigate the feasibility of such a project for the economic betterment of eastern Canada?

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Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, naturally I want to be helpful to the Governor of Maine and to the hon. member if he is making a policy proposal. My understanding is that the people of the Maritimes are quite divided on this subject and that, depending on where you live in the Maritimes, you are either for or against that corridor road. However, I am certainly open to further persuasion, and if there is a unanimous resolution of the Conservative party, for instance, supporting this corridor road it would naturally influence me to try to do something pleasing to them.

[Translation]

**PROPOSED ROAD FROM MAINE THROUGH NEW
BRUNSWICK TO QUEBEC—SUGGESTED COMPLETION OF
HIGHWAY NETWORK IN MARITIMES**

Mr. Eymard Corbin (Madawaska-Victoria): Mr. Speaker, about this same question, considering that there still are hundreds of miles of incomplete highway in each of the Maritime provinces, can the Prime Minister give us the assurance that he will first deal with this problem

[Mr. Speaker.]

before investing with the State of Maine in the construction of a so-called corridor highway?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Of course, Mr. Speaker, while I wish to please the Progressive Conservative party, I want even more to please the Liberals. I therefore strongly retain the idea of the hon. member.

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AIR CANADA**USE OF JP4 GASOLINE—SUGGESTED USE OF KEROSENE**

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Has the minister yet undertaken a review of the use by Air Canada of JP4 gasoline which is less safe than the fuel used by most commercial airlines and by Department of Transport aircraft that transport federal cabinet ministers? If so, what is the position of the government at this time?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago I flew on a DOT Jetstar and it used JP4.

Mr. McKenzie: Since, after the explosion of an Air Canada DC8 on June 21, some 3,150 gallons of kerosene were still safe in the tanks, is the government going to consider ordering Air Canada to use kerosene which, while more expensive, is far less dangerous than JP4?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I regret that all the technical advice I have is to the effect that your statement is not right.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure the minister was not addressing the Chair at that moment.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**SENATE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION THAT
DEPARTMENT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES**

Mr. Harvie Andre (Calgary Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Science and Technology. In view of the recommendation of the Senate special committee on science policy that the science ministry be responsible for the over \$1 billion spent each year by government departments on research and development, will the minister be recommending to cabinet that her department be made an operational ministry and fulfil this and other responsibilities?

[Translation]

Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of State for Science and Technology): Mr. Speaker, if I can rely on the quick glance cast at this report, I do not think that Senator Lamontagne recommended that the Ministry of State for