

minister contemplate bringing forward legislation? How might he propose to incorporate such a plan, or has he given it that much thought?

**Mr. Pepin:** Madam Speaker, there are many ways in which this could be done. My hon. friend, who is very much dedicated to the adjustment of the Crowsnest rate, would look upon that as one of the ways in which the financing of CNR development could take place.

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### CANADA LABOUR CODE

#### SUGGESTED AMENDMENT RESPECTING TRAIN CREWS

**Mr. Sid Parker (Kootenay East-Revelstoke):** Madam Speaker, my question is also for the Minister of Transport and I have given him notice of it. As the minister is aware, there is a problem regarding CP Rail's operation of trains in the mountain region. I have been in constant contact with the Minister of Labour and the train crews involved.

I should like to ask the minister if he is in favour of recommending to the Minister of Labour some federal legislation that could help train crews and other workers under federal jurisdiction to be able to eat meals during their tour of duty? The major cause of this problem is that they are 11 hours on duty, and some of them have been dismissed because they went to eat. I want to ask the Minister of Labour if he is prepared to recommend changes to the Canada Labour Code to allow these people to eat meals.

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport):** Madam Speaker, indeed my hon. friend has made some recommendations and suggestions to my office about what might be done to solve the present labour management problem at Revelstoke. I welcome this but he will recognize that this is essentially a labour-management problem and I will pass the information on to the Minister of Labour who should be involved.

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In the meantime, yesterday I sent telegrams to both parties inviting them to get together to solve this problem in the shortest possible period of time, because obviously the economy of the west, and of the country as a whole, is suffering from the labour-management problem which exists in the area.

**Mr. Parker:** Madam Speaker, this clearly is a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that the minister's department allowed the reduction of train crews, especially in the mountain division, where employees—

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member is very argumentative in his question. I would very much appreciate it if he would ask it simply and briefly.

**Mr. Parker:** Madam Speaker, my question to the Minister of Transport is this. In view of the fact that the minister allowed them to reduce crews and people have had their wages

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reduced by \$175 a month by taking jobs as brakemen on west freight, which is causing a slow-down in the operation of trains, will the minister request that CP Rail implement the three-man crew on the east mountain division in order to speed up train traffic?

**Mr. Pepin:** Madam Speaker, I am surprised that a socialist would talk in this fashion. Obviously, the determination as to how many employees should be on trains, or how long they should spend on coffee breaks or meal breaks, is one for determination in the contract between labour and management. Consequently my department has no authority to get itself involved in these matters. This is a contract problem. In this instance, there is discussion, between management and employees which has to be resolved. The only thing I can do, which I have already done, is to press the parties to come to terms rapidly.

As I said yesterday, members of the CTC for the western division have attended, as have the grain co-ordination people from Winnipeg. A number of people have tried to resolve the issue but the parties have not yet been able to come to a conclusion. However, I hope this will happen in coming days.

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### MULTICULTURALISM

#### FUNDING FOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West):** Madam Speaker, my question is supplementary to that raised by my colleague, the hon. member for Edmonton North. It is directed to the Minister of State for Multiculturalism. If I understood the answer given to my colleague, the member from Edmonton North, with respect to funding for the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, the minister indicated that funding was not forthcoming because this was a religiously-based organization. Quite apart from the fact that I take exception to the description of that organization, it is there to promote understanding between religious groups in our country.

Therefore, could the minister indicate whether or not there are guidelines or criteria with respect to funding under multiculturalism auspices, and whether or not people who have religious bases will be excluded from funding by the minister and his department?

**An hon. Member:** Discrimination.

**Hon. Jim Fleming (Minister of State, Multiculturalism):** Madam Speaker, I hear an hon. member opposite shout "discrimination", which I take to be just a silly side comment. I think that is unfair to me or to anyone who cares about the concept of multiculturalism, and I think members on all sides of the House do, at least to the best of my information.

I am trying to do my best to be straightforward about it. There are problems where there are various religions that also relate to some political base as well. Multiculturalism, as I