

The next question is on Motion No. 5. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those opposed to the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those opposed to the motion will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Pursuant to Standing Order 114(11), the recorded division on the motion stands deferred.

It being 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 19(4) the House will now proceed to Statements by Members pursuant to Standing Order 21.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[Translation]

THE ENVIRONMENT

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER—POLLUTION CLEAN-UP

Mr. Jean-Luc Joncas (Matapédia—Matane): Mr. Speaker, on June 3, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) announced an action plan with a budget of \$110 million to clean up the St. Lawrence. This plan covers four areas: conservation, protection, restoration and environmental technology. Today I would like to say a few words about the restoration aspect. To restore the St. Lawrence, our Government intends to clean up contaminated federal sites and rehabilitate certain wetlands. For this purpose, the Government has budgeted \$21 million that would be spent more specifically on upgrading dredging technology in federal areas and rehabilitating certain wetlands along the St. Lawrence which are threatened by pollution.

Mr. Speaker, after years of neglect by the previous Government, the present Government is taking a dynamic approach to cleaning up the St. Lawrence River and making it the kind of river Quebecers and all Canadians want.

S. O. 21

• (1100)

[English]

AIRPORTS

PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT—INCINERATION OF AIRCRAFT GARBAGE

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, there is a thread which links Pearson International Airport to garbage and the Commissioners Street incinerator in Metro Toronto. The incinerator was ordered closed by July 1 because of fears it was spreading deadly pollutants, including lead, mercury, and dioxins. But Metro's executive committee moved to keep the incinerator open to burn the 25 tonnes of garbage that incoming planes bring daily to Toronto. Citizens for a Safe Environment are asking why they should be exposed to toxic air pollution and want the old incinerator closed.

The airport management had known of the proposed closure of the incinerator for some time but failed to come up with a waste management plan which would sort out what can be burnt and what should not be burnt. More important, airlines must play a role in reducing their refuse. A considerable step would be to replace plastic with reusable serving dishes and related food equipment and supplies.

Pearson International Airport is the place to start a sensible waste management policy. Scarce landfill sites and the effect of incineration on human health are of paramount importance!

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

VIEWS OF REVIEW COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Ms. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, the Minister responsible for Canada Post has set up an interim committee to consult with Canada Post on rates and services. We can clearly see the direction that this new board will take. Although the Minister says that the board will be entirely independent, as chairperson he has chosen a man with Conservative ties, Mr. Alan Marchment.

It is clear that the principal interest of Mr. Marchment and his committee will not be in providing postal service. He has said that the committee will be "sensitive" to the public. However, we have already seen a good example of his sensitivity. Mr. Marchment is of the view that a good level of postal service is dependent upon where one lives.

In a recent statement he said that while urban Canadians want door-to-door service, rural citizens are happy if they do not have to travel more than 25 kilometres to get their mail, and up North people are happy if mail is delivered once a week.

I have news for the sensitive Mr. Marchment, Mr. Speaker, and for the Government. People in the country and up North