

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I am very interested in the minister's announcement, as are my constituents and others in the east of Toronto who are vitally affected and very concerned about the proposed waterfront airport. I must say that I am relieved by the confirmation—I think it is a confirmation—that any plan for a large-scale international airport on the waterfront has definitely been dropped. I am also glad to hear that any form of commercial waterfront airport is at least remote. Speaking for my constituents, I think we would rather have heard that there would be no waterfront airport at all.

I want to echo what the last speaker has said about the tremendous importance of consulting the people who are concerned in this matter. There are many people in my constituency who want to have the opportunity to make representations. They want consultation not just with the experts, not only with their elected representatives; the people whose lives will be affected want to have an opportunity to appear, present their own views, and take some part in the vitally important decisions to be made.

I would have preferred it if the minister had given an undertaking not to proceed with any plan without giving the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications the opportunity to hear witnesses and make recommendations. We have to encourage economic growth, but it is also incumbent on us in Parliament to save the people from noise pollution and other threats to the quality of Canadian life.

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, the salient point in the statement of the Minister of Transport (Mr. Jamieson) is the fact that the federal government is willing to ask the advice of the provincial authorities as well as that of the municipal authorities of Toronto and the adjacent communities.

I think that if the same procedure had been used in the case of the Montreal international airport, there would be fewer problems at the present time.

The other point which prompts me to approve the minister's statement is that he did not disclose the location of that airport, so as to prevent speculators from taking advantage of the people, from purchasing, for example, lots at ridiculously low prices, and selling them back at a profit of 100, 200 or

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even 1000 per cent. From that point of view, I think the minister is acting in the interests of the population of Toronto and adjacent areas, while making it clear at the same time that the federal authorities, by discussing the matter with the Ontario government as well as with the municipalities, wants the location of the airport to be selected so as to serve the area people in the best possible way.

• (2:30 p.m.)

[English]

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

CHANGE IN NAME OF CONSTITUENCY

Mr. Marchand (Kamloops Cariboo, for Mr. McBride) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-213, respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

[Later:]

Mr. McCleave: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member for Kamloops-Cariboo wishes to explain the bill that has just been presented to the House. He was trying to, anyway.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It would be somewhat irregular to return to the consideration of a bill after it has already received first reading and has been committed, but if hon. members are agreed that the hon. member *ex post facto* might be allowed to explain it I shall recognize him.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Marchand (Kamloops-Cariboo): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Lanark and Renfrew is on a French immersion course this week, and so I am very happy to move this bill on his behalf. The purpose of the bill is to change the name of the electoral district of Lanark and Renfrew to "Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton" in order to reflect more accurately the fact that a sizeable portion of each of these three counties is contained in the electoral district now known as Lanark and Renfrew.

CANADA LABOUR (STANDARDS) CODE

INCREASE IN MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (for the Minister of Labour) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-214, to amend the Canada Labour (Standards) Code.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.