

*Oral Questions*

How does the Minister intend to explain to the Canadian people, after all the assurances he gave following the Air India incident, why security at Canadian airports is still so lax, as was very aptly demonstrated the other day by two CBC journalists?

[English]

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, the matter to which the Hon. Member has referred is being investigated. It would appear on the surface, at least, that there was a breach of security and I am certainly not going to deny that. A number of measures have been and will be implemented. To be specific with regard to the security screening, we are planning to introduce new standards for security screening personnel, and a new comprehensive training program. We plan to step up the monitoring as well. My colleague, the Solicitor General, and myself are in the process of preparing a joint memo to Cabinet which will provide for an enhancement of the security program at all Canadian airports, and that should cover the whole gambit.

**Mr. Ouellet:** Mr. Speaker, the good word of the Minister is no longer enough.

● (1440)

REQUEST THAT SECURITY PROCEDURES BE CHANGED

**Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau):** The Minister told us the exact same thing 10 months ago. Will he intervene now and settle the strike that is taking place in Montreal by the security agents? Will he change immediately the security procedures at all Canadian airports, not just with words but with action right away?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, the issue of the strike of the security people at the airports in Montreal is being handled very capably by my colleague, the Minister of Labour. It is under mediation.

As far as the other suggestion that the Hon. Member has advanced is concerned, we are taking that into consideration. I am planning to call the executives of the airlines to Ottawa to discuss what steps might be taken, to discuss this particular issue that has arisen, and to see whether we can take immediate steps to tighten up security further at all airports.

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[Translation]

SOCIAL SECURITY

PREOCCUPATION OF WOMEN CONCERNING SOCIAL PROGRAMS

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister and relates to women's concerns about social programs, especially the Government's review of universal programs. Will the Prime Minister give Canadian women the assurance that this

review will be a fully open one and that it will include improvements to universal programs, not just cutbacks?

[English]

**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to reply to the Hon. Member since she has referred to the reference in the Budget regarding social policy review. I know that some of my colleagues, including the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Employment and Immigration and others, have been meeting with groups which pertain to their Departments. That is just beginning.

I want to assure her that, from the perspective of women and the issues that concern them very deeply, that open review and our association and collaboration with them will continue. I appreciate the comments she made.

NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Will he respond to the recommendation made by the National Action Committee that, in order to ensure the full participation of women's groups in their particular concerns about universality, there be adequate funding to allow groups to prepare detailed briefs as was done for the equality review?

**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot commit myself to that request on the floor of the House. It would also fall largely within the responsibility of the Minister responsible for the Status of Women. However, if there is a request, obviously it will receive our respective considerations.

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ENERGY

FUNDING OF HUSKY HEAVY OIL UPGRADER PROJECT

**Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary South):** Mr. Speaker, energy and the security of supply are a major concern for all Canadians. My question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. I understand that there have been some very positive results from her meeting yesterday with the representatives of Husky Oil and the Governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Is the Minister prepared to tell the House the results of that meeting?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Briefly.

**Hon. Pat Carney (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, certainly we on this side of the House are proud that we are the first federal Government to put real money on the table for the Husky upgrader. At our meetings yesterday we did agree with the company and the