

## MULTICULTURALISM

### REQUEST FOR POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State. In view of the fact it is a month or so since I complied with the minister's request for a copy of our background paper on multiculturalism, could the minister indicate whether today, prior to the vote or somewhere near that time, he intends to announce a meaningful policy on multiculturalism?

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I found no inspiration at all in the document that was sent to me.

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## AIRPORTS

### PICKERING—TERMS OF REFERENCE OF INQUIRY COMMISSION

**Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In light of growing fears that the airport inquiry commission looking into the Pickering airport question is unable to make recommendations to the government respecting the need for and location of such an airport, would the minister assure the House that the terms of reference tabled in this House on June 21, 1973, by himself will not be restricted by a subsequent document, P.C. 1973-3026, and that any such restriction will be eliminated?

**Some hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Cafik:** There is a lot of order over here, but not much over there.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member rose to ask a question.

**Mr. Cafik:** Will the minister ensure that any such restriction will be eliminated, through appropriate amendments in the latter document, to ensure a full inquiry in keeping with the commitment made to the House?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, we must remember that we had to establish the commission under the Inquiries Act because certain powers were needed by the commissioners. I think the intent was to have the location and need inquired into by this commission. I will be happy to look into the order in council to see if it really reflects the resolution which was tabled in the House.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I must seek the co-operation of hon. members because soon we will be running short of time. I would hope we could eliminate a number of supplementaries. However, with the co-operation of hon. members, the hon. member for Ontario will be recognized for a supplementary, after which I will see the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East, then the hon. member for Timiskaming, and try to move on as quickly as we can.

### Oral Questions

**Mr. Cafik:** Mr. Speaker, this is a terribly important question to the people involved, and I think it is a matter of interpretation by the commissioners as to how they interpret the original document. In response to a written request for information from them, I am led to believe that they interpret it in a restrictive way—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Of course, this is argument; it is hardly a supplementary.

**Mr. Atkey:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I am reluctant to do so but exactly the same question as was asked by the hon. member for Ontario was put to the Minister of Transport by the opposition some months ago, and the unequivocal answer of the minister at that time was no. He should have the courage to say no on this occasion.

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, I do not think that is a fair representation. A few months ago I was asked if I was ready to change the terms of reference, and I answered no. Now I am asked if the document filed with the House is the same as the terms reflected in the order in council. My answer is that I am going to look into it and I hope it reflects this document.

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## NATIONAL DEFENCE

### REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENTAL CO-OPERATION TO REDUCE LAY-OFFS

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. It relates to the lay-off of 2,700 employees in the Department of National Defence under the federal labour-intensive winter employment program. Can the minister or any of his colleagues give the House some indication of the level of co-operation between his department and other departments which engaged temporary help under FLIP during the winter months to ensure that the labour market will not have 30,000 or 40,000 people thrust upon it who sought and gained employment under that program during the past winter? What is the level of co-operation, and—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member would allow the minister to reply to the question.

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, I explained to the House yesterday that the program was temporary but that we are attempting to retain as many employees as possible of those who were employed under the winter works program under our regular budget, and for National Defence that amounts to some 330 people.

**Mr. Forrestall:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. If the hon. member is rising on a point of order, I would bring it to his attention that we have just a few minutes left before the end of the question period.