

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. MacEachen:** He ought to back up his rhetoric with some facts instead of poisoning the atmosphere in the country by these false statements.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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

**Mr. Broadbent:** Madam Speaker, I would be happy to take the minister to Halifax, to Montreal, to Toronto or to Vancouver, so he can see the thousands of Canadians who are losing their homes. The minister should go and talk to the people of Canada.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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

**Mr. Hees:** What about Cuba?

## REASON FOR MEETING

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa):** Madam Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Finance. Since the minister has acknowledged that he took neither a specific proposal to the banks to help home owners or to help farmers, nor a specific recommendation that the banks reduce their profits, is it any surprise that the banks came up with no specific commitment at all? What was the point of the meeting which the minister had?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance):** Madam Speaker, I asked the hon. member for some firm statistics, but instead he offered me a trip.

**Mr. Broadbent:** I will send them over to you.

**Mr. MacEachen:** I do not find that an adequate substitute. I believe I received something much more important from the representatives of the banking institutions not in specific details but a general assurance that under these circumstances they would show the necessary tolerance and humanity in dealing with their clients. I believe that is very important, and it was that same attitude we succeeded in bringing to bear on a similar problem a year ago. The hon. member believes in different techniques. I believe in techniques that work.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Miss MacDonald:** Show us one that does.

## AVIATION SAFETY

## COMPOSITION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW DUBIN REPORT

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. There are now nine associations connected with all aspects of aviation in Canada which have denounced both the composition of the minister's advisory committee as well as the review process with respect to the implementation of the Dubin recommendations on aviation safety. The composition of the review board and the process, which the minister has outlined, are being perceived as an effort to discredit the very good work of the Dubin inquiry. Yesterday the minister met with representatives of the nine associations who appealed to him for changes both in the composition of that committee and in the process. Is the minister seriously considering the suggestions and recommendations which were advanced by this group yesterday? If not, why not?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport):** Madam Speaker, we did meet yesterday. As a matter of fact, I had given consideration to the arguments which were presented by the group of nine yesterday. They had wanted me to appoint representatives of these different groups to this committee. I thought that this would not wash because we would simply have had a repeat of the Dubin inquiry. I suggested very strongly that appointing knowledgeable people who were connected with the industry in the past to give me advice was the right approach.

The most difficult problem is the presence of Mr. McLeish, the air administrator, on that committee. My hon. friend has mentioned that repeatedly. My reason for having him there is simply the fact that the air administration will have to implement the decisions that I make on the recommendations of the advisory committee. He will have to do that. He will also have to provide, as he is entitled to do, his opinion on the advisory committee. If he does not do that, the advisory committee will lose a lot of essential information. I was interested in the fact that the group, and ATAC in particular, recommended that Mr. McLeish should be there in an ex officio position. I fail to see the difference between him being a member of the advisory committee as a full-fledged member or as an ex officio member.

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## IMPLEMENTATION OF REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** The minister should know that, unless he alters the course he is presently following, the continuing confrontation will undermine the credibility of the Dubin report. It will also impair the objectivity and indeed the independence necessary to ensure that the implementation process is orderly and smooth. In short, it is casting serious doubt upon the government's intentions as to whether it is serious about implementing the major recommendations of this report. What steps does the minister propose to take to restore confidence within the aviation industry? What steps is