

requested information from all the provinces, we still have not received it from some.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have to bring to the attention of hon. members that we have just about run out of time and I was hoping to give an opportunity to other hon. members to ask questions. The hon. member for Halifax-East Hants has a question. With the consent of the House, I shall allow the hon. member for Edmonton West to ask a supplementary and then call on the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Has the minister scheduled any meetings with the provincial treasurers to further explore this subject, say within the next few weeks, because the outcome may seriously affect the deliberations of the House?

Mr. Benson: I think the government made it quite clear on June 18, Mr. Speaker, that the federal government per se was getting out of the estate tax and gift tax field. That is what the legislation provides. The provinces have asked for various things. Some have said, "We will go on our own", while others have said, "Would you collect them for us?" We are trying to get their opinions and find out whether there is anything we can do to help.

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COMMUNICATIONS

REQUEST FOR WHITE PAPER ON POLICY FOR COMMON CARRIERS

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): I think my question is more a related one but it is directed to the Minister of Communications. Does the government intend to present a white paper on its policy or suggested policy toward the common carriers as an intermediate step between the paper recently published and any legislation that is brought in?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of Communications): If and when there is any white paper to be presented, Mr. Speaker, it will be presented in the House.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

SUGGESTED PENSION INCREASES FOR EMPLOYEES WHO RETIRED BEFORE 1956

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Is the minister in a position to report progress in connection with his efforts to persuade the Canadian Pacific Railway to grant its pension increases to all of its retired employees, including in particular those who retired before January 1, 1956?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, unless the hon. member would agree that a further reference by me to the CPR on this particular point is progress, and I doubt if he would, I am afraid

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that is all I have to report. I have conveyed to them again the views of many members of this House, including my own, but I have had no reply.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Will the minister keep at it?

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AIRPORTS

TORONTO—DECISION ON SITE OF NEW FACILITY—POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT OF ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Robert P. Kaplan (Don Valley): I should like to ask the Minister of Transport when he will be ready to make public his proposals for the site of the second Toronto airport following his disclosure of them to the Ontario government early last April? Has the minister agreed to postpone his announcement until after the Ontario provincial election?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): No, to the last part of the question, Mr. Speaker. I believe it was on July 26 that I had an all-day meeting with the Minister of Transport of Ontario when I made additional proposals to him and had a full discussion of all related factors. He has subsequently written to me asking for further time in which to consider these. I believe the request is justified but I have replied that I should like to get their response as quickly as possible.

Mr. Speaker: Just before calling orders of the day the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Charlevoix (Mr. Asselin).

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CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

DISCUSSION BETWEEN FEDERAL AND QUEBEC GOVERNMENTS FOLLOWING VICTORIA CONFERENCE

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Following the Victoria conference, the province of Quebec has rejected the new amending formula for the Canadian constitution. I would appreciate being informed whether the Prime Minister of Canada has, since that date, met with the premier of Quebec. I would like also to know whether the premier of Quebec has submitted fresh proposals to the federal government concerning this amending formula?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): If I may be allowed to clarify the question, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member would agree that the matter was not centred only on the amending formula, but on a whole set of proposals, since the positions as regards the amending formula itself had been drawn together. The question of the hon. member would apply to the set of proposals and the answer would be negative. No substantial discussions have taken place between the premier of Quebec and myself in this respect. He has only informed me, early this summer, that he had new proposals in mind and that he would submit them to me as soon as possible.