

Wardair Safety Standards

lay on the table the report of J. W. Swackhamer, the hearing officer under the Expropriation Act with reference to the proposed Pickering airport.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, this report is being translated and will be available in French at the beginning of next week.

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[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

WARDAIR CHARTER FLIGHT SAFETY STANDARDS—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member rising on motions?

Mr. Paddy Neale (Vancouver East): Yes, Mr. Speaker. In view of the need to satisfy the public that working conditions for flight crews on Wardair charter flights are not so severe as to endanger the lives of passengers, and in view of the need to satisfy the public that the capacity to carry out emergency procedures properly is being maintained, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House under Standing Order 43 to move the following motion:

That this House calls upon the Minister of Labour to establish an inquiry under the Labour Code into the working conditions of Wardair flight crews in order to ascertain whether safety standards are being maintained.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity and the motion therefore cannot be put.

Mr. Baldwin: You never say yes.

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TERRITORIAL SEA AND FISHING ZONES ACT

EXTENSION OF FISHING ZONES

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-126, to amend the Territorial Sea and Fishing Zones Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, in explaining the bill I should like to thank Your Honour for the advice you gave me yesterday and try to comply with it. The purpose of the bill is to establish as fishing zones an area off the coasts of Canada to the point where the depth of the ocean is 1,000 fathoms, in other words, to extend the zones to the edge of what I believe is referred to as the continental slope. I think it would be most appropriate that this be accomplished this year when we are to raise such matters at the conference on the law of the sea.

[Mr. Dubé.]

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

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**ENERGY**

SECURITY OF OIL SUPPLIES FOR EASTERN CANADA—
POSITION OF DISCUSSIONS WITH UNITED STATES ON
POSSIBLE AGREEMENT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources in respect of a possible agreement between Canada and the United States on the security of oil supplies for the eastern part of Canada. At the initiative of which government are these discussions taking place and an agreement being sought, the government of Canada or the government of the United States?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, it was at the initiative of both governments arising out of the 1970 ministerial meeting between Canada and the United States. The hon. gentleman will recall that a press release issued at that time indicated that these particular discussions would be carried on for the purpose of arriving at a satisfactory agreement. I would confirm that at the moment there has been no agreement. There have been discussions for a lengthy period of time but at the present time I cannot predict when an agreement will be arrived at.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister whether the government of Canada in connection with this discussion is proposing that markets in eastern Canada be supplied by oil from western Canada, by oil from the United States or by both in the event our offshore supplies are cut off?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, it is rather more likely they will be supplied with oil from neither place. It depends very much on the nature of the international interruption. The most probable thing, for example, is that if there is a Middle East interruption there will be increased exports to Canada from Venezuela and Africa. It will depend on the international contingency. I would have to confirm this, but I think United States production at this time would not be in a position to satisfy the eastern Canadian market. We have no proposal at this time to expand the eastern shipment of Canadian crude from western Canada beyond the present position west of the Ottawa Valley line.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact it is apparent the government of Canada is expecting oil supplies from the United States to meet at least part of the requirements, I should like to ask the minister what *quid pro quo* the government of Canada is offering the United States for this assurance of meeting at least part of the requirements of eastern Canada in the event of such a cut-off, and will the minister give the House the assurance