

the Opposition would like to make further representations, I would certainly be very pleased to receive them.

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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

PROPOSED TUNNEL BETWEEN WEST BLOCK AND CONFEDERATION BUILDING

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Public Works. Public Works Canada completed a study into building a pedestrian tunnel from the West Block to the Confederation Building to replace the present bus service. Does the Government plan to proceed with the building of the tunnel?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Public Works): Madam Speaker, I have not seen a final report. Obviously I will want to find out what it contains before I answer the Hon. Member.

POSSIBLE SAVINGS ON BUS SERVICE

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, Public Works Canada also conducted a cost ratio study which showed that millions of dollars would be saved with the building of a tunnel to replace the bus service. Would the Minister also have an update on the cost ratio savings and inform me and the House, as soon as possible, if the Government plans to proceed with the tunnel?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Public Works): Obviously, Madam Speaker, if this were considered seriously, substantially, those questions would have to be examined.

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AIR CANADA

ACCIDENT AT GIMLI—REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, we have just learned that five staff members of Air Canada have been severely reprimanded, some of them suspended, some of them demoted, and other things done to others. In light of the fact that the airline, Air Canada, was just praised for its service, and in view of the fact that the pilot of the airplane, through his miraculous ability to land the plane as a glider pilot, saved the lives of 69 people—

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Domm:—would the Minister, to avoid the appearance of a cover up—because the chairman of that investigation committee said, “You shouldn’t have a bastard bunch of metric airplanes mixed in with the whole fleet”—would the Minister order a public inquiry into that Air Canada incident at Gimli, Manitoba?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Oral Questions

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, such an investigation is already under way. I have already indicated to the House that results will be made known in a period of two or three weeks, at which time we would be able to provide a fuller assessment of what did take place in the Gimli air incident.

PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is also directed to the same Minister. The last time, on September 15, that I asked that question here in the House, the Minister responded that if the Members of the Opposition would speed up the removal from committee of Bill C-163, we could have a public inquiry. We did speed it up. We removed the Bill from Committee, and the Government is dragging its feet in an effort to cover up Air Canada in the Gimli disaster by not having a public inquiry and by not bringing the Bill of the House of Commons for final approval, agreement from all Parties, and a public inquiry, to get around this reprimand of five employees of Air Canada, in an effort to cover up a bad administrative story.

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, just let me remind the Hon. Member that the Government does have legislation that is presently before the House. As soon as the Opposition is prepared to pass it, we will be in a position to bring forward the aviation safety Bill.

Mr. Domm: You haven’t brought it before the House.

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EMPLOYMENT

QUEBEC-OTTAWA JOB-CREATION PROGRAMS

Hon. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. If my information is correct, it seems the Minister met with his Quebec counterpart very recently to discuss Quebec-Ottawa job creation programs. Could the Minister inform the House today how negotiations have progressed and whether an agreement can be expected shortly that would be in the best interests of both parties?

Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Madam Speaker, as the Hon. Member suggested, I met my Quebec counterpart, Mr. Léonard, last night, to start discussions on how both Governments could proceed so that municipalities would receive funds designated for employment in the Province of Quebec. I can say that last night’s meeting was very general and, I feel, fairly positive, and that during these talks, officials will continue to demonstrate their good will and common sense and that a way will be found to respect the jurisdiction of the provincial government and also the right