

ies any replacement force would be very hard pressed to match the RCMP. The west would be the loser. It would smack of discrimination and add further to western alienation.

We in the west cannot afford to lose the RCMP. Will the Solicitor General put a fair offer on the table, a fair offer that is acceptable to the west, and save the RCMP?

Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend was doing very well in his question at the beginning of it. Obviously the RCMP is one of the best police forces—if not the best—in the world. I am looking forward to agreeing with the provinces that it is and that they will keep it.

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PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister. The government has put a lot of its credibility on the line with privatization.

On *Fifth Estate* last night we saw the reality of that philosophy. At Terminals 1 and 2 at Pearson Airport, the Canadian people get \$5 for every passenger who goes through a turnstile. At Terminal 3, handed over to the government's corporate friends, another one of those special interest groups, the taxpayers get only 20 cents for every passenger. Worse yet, the government wants to do to Terminal 1 and 2 what it has done to Terminal 3—turn it over to the private sector.

Since the government claims to be so concerned about the deficit, why is it giving up so much valuable revenue to its corporate friends, instead of using it to improve the aviation system?

An hon. member: Hear, hear.

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Corbeil (Minister of Labour and Minister of State (Transport)): Mr. Speaker, to answer my hon. friend opposite, it is simply ridiculous and almost crazy to think that Pearson International Airport will be less profitable because the construction will be handled by the private sector. The Pearson Terminal will be operated according to the terms of a lease. That lease provides that the owner of the terminal must make regular payments to the Government of Canada. Now, that will indeed prevent the deficit from increasing, since

the \$500 millions required to build the terminal are to be paid by the contractor and not by the taxpayers. I think the government made a very wise decision.

[*English*]

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, I suspect that the answer may be far simpler than the minister suggests. Last year Huang and Danczkay upped their donations to the Tories from \$3,000 to \$30,000.

Some hon. members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Angus: In light of the decrease in revenue, in light of the fact that many smaller airports in Canada rely on Pearson to generate the funds to keep our system running, and in light of the cuts to flight service stations, air traffic control, and aviation weather reporting across the country, is it too much to ask that the government provide services to people instead of their corporate friends? Will the minister abandon the government's plans to turn Terminals 1 and 2 over to the private sector?

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[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Corbeil (Minister of Labour and Minister of State (Transport)): Mr. Speaker, I think that for the sake of all Canadians, it was fortunate the Conservative government was elected for two terms since 1984, because first of all, this got rid of a Liberal government that put the country in debt to the extent of mortgaging the futures of our children and grandchildren. Fortunately, Canadians were well inspired not to elect a socialist government, because the socialist mathematics don't pass the test: They say the government is losing money because the Pearson Terminal was built for \$500 million, without a cent of taxpayers money. If the same terminal had been built with taxpayers' money, it would have cost at least \$10 per passenger to pay off the debt alone on that amount.

So I think this is one more example of the excellent decisions made by this government to restore confidence in the economy.

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Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General.