

*Inquiries of the Ministry***REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**PROPOSALS TO GOVERNMENT OF NOVA
SCOTIA RESPECTING REOPENING OF
FAIREY AVIATION PLANT

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the breakdown in the negotiations concerning the acquiring of Fairey Aviation of Canada in the province of Nova Scotia, which was indicated in the House on Friday, is the minister making any representations or offers or proposals to the government of Nova Scotia in the hope that this plant could be put back into operation, and the 400 unemployed people put back to work?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I regret immensely that the Bell Company of the United States has at the last minute refused to sign the agreement covering the reopening of the Fairey Aviation plant.

We are at the present time trying to find a new purchaser and, in any case, to have the work previously done in that factory performed in Nova Scotia.

[*English*]

COMMUNICATIONSREQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON BUILDING OF
DOMESTIC SATELLITE

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Communications. In view of reports that the costs of building Canada's domestic satellite are very substantially higher than originally estimated, and since these increased costs may jeopardize the whole project and will certainly affect the private investment involvement in it, would the minister give consideration to making an early statement on the subject, including whether the government is giving consideration to establishing Telesat Canada as a Crown corporation instead of a mixed public-private company?

Mr. Speaker: The question would be in order only to the extent of inquiring whether the minister is willing to make a statement or not.

[*Mr. Benson.*]

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, I am expecting a recommendation from Telesat Canada as to a possible supplier for the satellite. I have not yet received this, but at that time I would expect to be making a statement.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMYFREEING OF DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE—
MEASURES TO ALLOCATE CREDIT AND
DIRECT INVESTMENT

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Is it the intention of the government, taking into account his announcements within the past 24 hours, to introduce any measures or take any steps with respect to allocation of credit in the economy, or to introduce any form of investment controls in order to channel the economy's efforts into the most useful and productive ends?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, that is a very broad question which would involve a statement of government policy much longer than we can make during the question period.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

TIME LIMITATION ON SPEAKERS IN DEBATE

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre rising on a point of order?

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Yes, Mr. Speaker. My rising is with respect to the time to be allotted to speeches in the debate that will take place today. There have been some discussions and, if I may quote the words that usually succeed, I believe you will find there is general agreement that the principal speaker for each party should have 20 minutes and all the other speakers today might be limited to 15 minutes. Perhaps Your Honour could ascertain if that is the will of the House?

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.