

question about another situation, but that is not really a supplementary. I am sure many other members will want to ask questions about the other situation to which the hon. member is referring. Perhaps he might allow the Chair to complete the first round of questioning.

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[Translation]

BROADCASTING

DIRECTION BY CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION COMMISSION
TO CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION TO REDUCE
TELEVISION ADVERTISING

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Communications.

As some time ago the CRTC gave the CBC the order to reduce its televised publicity, which reduction would cost the government \$40 million over the next four years, does the minister intend to call those two bodies before the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications that this situation might be studied? If not, what measures does the minister intend to take with regard to that confrontation?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, without accepting the allegations of the hon. member with regard to the cost of the implementation of the CRTC recommendations, I would say that for the time being neither the decisions of the minister nor his procedures matter, but the provisions of the law do.

The Broadcasting Act states that when a dispute opposes the CRTC to the CBC, first of all the two parties will meet, which in this case they have done twice already according to the reports I have been given and which they will do again, after which arbitration is imposed by the minister if the two parties have failed to reach an agreement. As for having the two parties appear before a committee of the House, the committee could doubtless so decide, but that is not the procedure provided for by the act.

Mr. Speaker: We shall revert to supplementaries to the first question asked this afternoon, and we may return to this matter later on.

[English]

Mr. McKenzie: Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is for the Minister of Transport.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member—

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, my hon. colleague from Drummond wishes to ask a supplementary question on this matter.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I ask the hon. member to resume his seat. I agree completely with him, but the hon. member for Drummond has risen and has not indicated that he wanted to put a supplementary question. At least, I did not hear him. If he is fully vocal this afternoon and indicates that his question is a supplementary, then I will

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recognize him, before I recognize the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre. The hon. member for Drummond.

Mr. Jean-Marie Boisvert (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a supplementary question to the Minister of Communications.

In view of the fact that a recommendation to restrict advertising on television inevitably results in a deficit to be made up by government, and that deficit means that government will have to make an appropriation, is a Crown corporation or the CRTC entitled to put up the monies that would eventually be voted by the House?

Mr. Pelletier (Hochelaga): From all evidence no, Mr. Speaker. The recommendations of the CRTC are only recommendations and not regulations.

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[English]

AIR CANADA

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF PRACTICE OF LAYING OFF
ONLY UNION EMPLOYEES

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is for the Minister of Transport. As Air Canada has a two class system for lay-offs, laying off only union employees, will the minister investigate this discriminatory practice?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, this is a practice which is practised all over Canada.

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AIR TRANSPORT

AIRPORT FIREFIGHTERS' STRIKE—RESULT OF VOTE ON
TREASURY BOARD OFFER—POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF
MEDIATOR

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I also want to pose a question concerning the troubles we are having at our airports. In view of the fact that getting the firefighters back to work would help to restore normalcy at the airports, will the President of the Treasury Board give the House and the nation an up to the hour report on the results of the firefighters' vote to accept or reject the latest Treasury Board offer to the Public Service Alliance?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, the president of the alliance had hoped that conclusive results might have been available to him by noon today. Such has not been the case. We are hoping for later today.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We have moved from one strike to another or one threatened strike to another. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for a related question and then the hon. member for York South who also has a related question.