

serious situation did exist. I should like to ask the Minister of Transport if investigations are going on, if they are completed in any respect, and if he has anything to report to the House in regard to this matter?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, first, investigations have been carried out. Second, I am satisfied there is no danger involved in any of the practices to which the hon. member refers. Third, I am meeting with CATA, the air transport association representative group, on Thursday for further discussions on this matter.

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** With respect to the stated government intention of establishing French unilingual speaking controllers in certain areas in the province of Quebec, and having regard to the recommendation of CATA and the necessity for maintaining high standards of safety in the control of aircraft, will the minister assure the House that, in keeping with the maintenance of these high standards of safety in the operation of control activities, English will be the language spoken by controllers in these areas?

• (11:40 a.m.)

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member knows that not only in those areas but throughout the world English is the acknowledged language for air controllers. I can assure him that nothing will be done with regard to Canadian policy that will compromise the safety that is implicit in that arrangement.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Surrey-White Rock.

**Mr. Mather:** Mr. Speaker, both the questions I wanted to ask have been asked.

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#### AIRPORTS

##### ALLEGED SELECTION OF PETERS CORNERS AS SITE FOR SECOND TORONTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the government's decision to build the second Toronto international airport at Peters Corners just northwest of Hamilton, may I ask when construction will commence on that secondary airport?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member must be talking about some kind of toy outfit to operate the kind of toy aircraft that he will have, because I do not know anything about such an arrangement.

**An hon. Member:** The hon. member was toying with the truth.

**Mr. Gilbert:** Mr. Speaker, I was just revealing another government leak and I thought the minister might like to confirm it.

[Later]

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** I should like to clear up a shaded area left by the answer the Minister

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of Transport gave to the hon. member for Broadview. Has a decision in fact been taken with respect to the site of the new airport for Toronto? If not, how soon does the hon. gentleman expect a decision to be reached so that it may be announced in the House?

**An hon. Member:** Or late.

**Mr. Jamieson:** No decision has been made. The Minister of Transport for Ontario has been enjoying a somewhat well-earned rest, I understand, after his hectic activities in October. I believe he is due back shortly or may be back now. I am ready to see him whenever he is ready. That should be some time next week.

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#### NATURAL RESOURCES

##### ATLANTIC SEABOARD—SUGGESTED RECONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENT POSITION ON OFFSHORE MINERAL ROYALTIES

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Prime Minister. In view of the statement made by the chairman of Mobil Oil Corporation to the New York Security Analysts Society to the effect that restrictive regulations out of all proportion to the problems they are intended to solve as well as continuing hassles about offshore development are handicapping operations in many promising areas on the Atlantic seaboard, will the Prime Minister reconsider his arbitrary 50-50 stand on offshore mineral royalties so that orderly development of the oil and gas potential off the Atlantic seaboard may be carried out?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the offer we made to the provinces more than two years ago was not an arbitrary one. At the time, as I recall, no opposition member suggested a better formula. They just sat back to wait and see how the wind was going to blow.

**Mr. Crouse:** In view of the statement by the chairman of Mobil Oil that if exploration and development can be proceeded with it will be a matter for political and not industry decision, will the Prime Minister meet with the premiers of the Atlantic provinces in order to stop the present impasse? Let me also give him another suggestion. We in Atlantic Canada believe in a formula that will give the Atlantic provinces 100 per cent of all offshore royalties.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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#### CANADA LABOUR CODE

##### RETENTION OF PROVISIONS IN BILL RESPECTING TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Is the minister now in a position to confirm to the House that when Bill C-253 is brought forward even if at