

with Air Canada the justifiable fears of the employees in Winnipeg that verbal assurances are not enough and see whether Air Canada will give written assurances to the employees that their operation will not in fact be moved in the near future?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I think each employee in Winnipeg received a letter from Air Canada assuring them that they will not be moved and that they are not going to be transferred to Montreal.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, but I would call on hon. members to try to exercise some degree of discipline to limit the number of supplementaries. The Chair would like to make an effort again today to see a number of members who have been waiting for days to ask questions but have been prevented from doing so because of the large number of supplementaries asked at the beginning of the question period.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that in former years Air Canada had plans of which the government did not seem to be aware, will the minister take steps to make sure that the government knows what Air Canada has in mind with respect to a possible move away from Winnipeg?

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Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I got in touch with Air Canada two or three times on this same subject and I think I answered on the basis of what I learned from Air Canada. I hope Air Canada is going to respect what they told me.

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AIRPORTS

MOUNT HOPE—PROPOSED EXPANSION—POSSIBILITY OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW

Mr. Sean O'Sullivan (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, my question is also directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the minister's decision to have a review of air transportation needs in the Toronto region and in view of the further representations received regarding the proposed expansion at Mount Hope airport, can the minister advise if he is planning to allow a similar independent review of air transport needs for the Hamilton-Wentworth region?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): I do not think anybody has asked for that, Mr. Speaker.

Oral Questions

CRIMINAL CODE

REASONS FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BILL IN ORDER TO ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Mr. Douglas Roche (Edmonton-Strathcona): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to the capital punishment questions directed to the Solicitor General. Would the minister explain why he wants to change the capital punishment bill in such a way that he sends it in a new direction, in such a way as to needlessly inflame public opinion again, and in such a way that he is deceiving those who voted for the bill on the strength of the continuation of the five-year period?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, there is no intention to inflame public opinion—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Allmand: The amendments that I put forward to the committee were based on recommendations made in the long debate in the House.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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Mr. Danforth: That is not true.

Mr. Allmand: There were recommendations that we should do something—

Mr. Hees: Put forward by you.

Mr. Allmand: —to toughen the parole proceedings for people convicted of murder. I proposed amendments on that point too, but I hear nothing about that. The other recommendation was that we should either have an abolition bill or a retention bill, one way or the other. Many members said that and in response to them I put forward the amendments.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Hon. members will appreciate that we are again involved in a series of questions and answers anticipating an order of the day. I would think this is the kind of debate, questions asked and answered, that should be taken up either in committee or when the bill returns to the House.

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AIR TRANSPORT

TORONTO AREA—PARTICIPATION BY ONTARIO IN INDEPENDENT INQUIRY

Mr. Barnett J. Danson (York North): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to the previous question before the other supplementary was leapfrogged in. It is to the Minister of Transport and relates to the tabling of the terms of reference for the examination by an independent board of airport needs in the Toronto region. As this was originally announced on March 2 jointly with the province