

to the Minister of Transport or to the Governor in Council, and for those reasons I do not want to prejudge the case. I can say, however, that I think hon. members will all agree that in the first instance this is a good Canadian company and that it has been providing a worth-while service but that at the same time of course it is vitally important—again I am sure hon. members will agree—that passengers' investments be protected. I am sure this is the basic aim of the CTC and I hope they will be able to achieve it.

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): In considering this matter would the minister bear in mind the fact that as a result of the action of the CTC many hundreds of Canadian passengers will be driven to board charter planes just across the border in the United States—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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[Translation]

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

REPAYMENT OF DEBT—CARR REPORT

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport.

I would like to ask him whether the Carr report has been submitted to the cabinet, whether the cabinet has examined it and whether a decision has been reached concerning the repayment or the refinancing of the debt?

[English]

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): No, Mr. Speaker. As I advised the House just prior to the Christmas recess, the Carr report has been submitted to me. It is now in the process of being examined. It is a very comprehensive document and as quickly as our assessment has been completed I will then try to get it before the House, or in some other way make the pertinent details of its contents known publicly.

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CORPORATE AFFAIRS

INVESTIGATION OF EFFECT OF FOOD CHAIN PRICE WAR ON SMALL BUSINESSES

Mr. Robert P. Kaplan (Don Valley): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Considering the recent reports of sharply declining profits and of losses by the major food chains as a result of the food price war, is the minister considering directing that an investigation be made to determine whether these price wars amount to cut-throat competition designed to eliminate small, independent businesses which compete with the chains?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the Director of Investigation and Research under the Combines Investigation Act is of course aware of the price war situation, and if there

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should appear to be a breach of that Act he can be expected to take appropriate action.

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, would the minister tell the House whether he will direct the director to look into this matter and not just leave it up to him to decide whether or not he would like to do so? Would he ask him directly to do it?

Mr. Basford: Mr. Speaker, the director has a statutory duty to enforce the provisions of the Combines Investigation Act and I have every confidence that he will carry out that duty.

Mr. Hees: So have you.

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AIRPORTS

TORONTO—PROPOSED SITES FOR NEW FACILITY

Mr. W. M. Howe (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Today seems to be his big day in the House. It has to do with the new airport that is going to be built north and west of Toronto. Before Christmas the minister intimated that three or four sites would be chosen and indicated shortly after Christmas. Is that decision available today?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): No, Mr. Speaker. The study by the federal and provincial officials has been completed. It was put into my hands yesterday. I am in the process of reading it now. I understand that a few of the Ontario ministers are a bit busier than usual these days but I will try to get together with them as soon as possible.

Mr. Howe: In view of the fact that many small municipalities that could be involved are now making their plans for 1971, would the minister do his utmost to see that a decision is handed down as soon as possible?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's question is in the form of a representation.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CYPRUS—CONTINUATION OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING MANDATE—CANADIAN PARTICIPATION

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the unsettled conditions in Turkey and Greece and the disturbing news from Cyprus, is the government taking any initiative to continue the United Nations peacekeeping mandate in Cyprus beyond June 15 of this year?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we have had no request yet for a continuation of this peacekeeping force beyond next June. It would be a matter for the United Nations to take the initiative. If