

reconsidered and I, therefore, ask the Leader of the Government in the Senate to make representation on my behalf to try to keep the RCMP in Winnipeg, because the possibility has been mentioned that they might be taken out of Winnipeg which would create more unemployment. I also think that the whole policy should be reviewed. Could he enlighten us on this matter within the next couple of days?

**Senator Roblin:** I want to assure my honourable friend that the government will do nothing which it believes would lessen the security of those who are travelling by air. The other points he raised, I believe, are covered by previous questions, and I think I am on record as having undertaken to make those representations.

### ADVERTISING

#### SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR MATERIAL IN MAGAZINE

**Hon. Michael Kirby:** Honourable senators, my question is for the Leader of the Government in the Senate. It relates to some advertising material—I say advertising material because the top of the page states “advertisement” with Canada’s name on it—in the June 10 issue of *Fortune* magazine. I should like to read a couple of quotations from the advertisement before asking the Leader of the Government in the Senate some questions.

Among other things, this material says the following:

... there is a growing conviction that the new course Canadians sought when they gave a sweeping victory to Brian Mulroney’s Progressive Conservative Party last September is being followed.

It goes on to state:

Mulroney has been reaching out to all sectors of Canadian society. . . . a refreshing change for businessmen who felt their views had been largely ignored by the Liberal Party under former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

It goes on to say that an important energy agreement was reached:

... with three Western provinces that is a major step toward the dismantling of Trudeau’s much-criticized National Energy Program;—

My question is: Was that advertising material paid for by public funds and, if so, what department paid for it?

**Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, I can give my honourable friend the assurance that an advertisement of that sort is not an advertisement placed by the Government of Canada.

**Senator Olson:** But it says it was.

**Senator Flynn:** Even if it does, it wasn’t. You have to prove it.

**Senator Kirby:** I have a supplementary question. Could the minister do some inquiring into that matter because by reading the material and, indeed, the associated material that goes along with it, one is certainly left with the distinct impression

that it was paid for by the Government of Canada. What I would like the minister to find out is whether or not that is true and, if it is not true, as he has just suggested in his response to my original question, then I would like to know whether or not any government official or minister had anything to do with the editorial content of that material.

**Senator Roblin:** I do not think the government writes editorial comments in *Fortune* magazine. If my honourable friend would be kind enough to send me the advertisement which, I must confess I did not see, I will take a look at it and see if there is any further information I can give him on it.

### TRANSPORT

#### AIRPORT TAX—REPORTED RESTRUCTURING

**Hon. Paul Lucier:** Honourable senators, I have a question for the Leader of the Government in the Senate. I read an article in the *Globe and Mail* but like everyone else I am a little leery of quoting it. It says that a new airport tax will be put into effect September 1. Will such a new airport tax be put into effect shortly by the new government? The article states that it is a second tax increase in two months and I am wondering whether that is true.

**Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, it is not customary for me to be called upon to verify, to confirm or to deny any newspaper reports and I do not do so on this occasion. If my honourable friend would rephrase his question, which he could easily do, to ask me what the tax situation will be, I will take his question as rephrased and try to find out for him.

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**Senator Olson:** Sometimes they quietly announce things.

**Senator Lucier:** As a supplementary question, I would like to point out that, if this is fact—and quite frankly I think it is—I would like to know what kind of logic goes into removing a fixed airport tax and putting in place a percentage tax, which is what is being proposed, which will increase the fares from western, northern and Atlantic Canada by a large amount. This will increase the fares from Vancouver to Toronto by some \$40 or \$50.

I know Senator Roblin has a better understanding than almost anyone else of the alienation that already exists between western and central Canada. I would like to know what kind of logic it takes to introduce a new tax at airports so that people in western Canada, who want to come to their capital to do business, have to pay more to do it than people who live in central Canada.

**Senator Roblin:** Honourable senators, that sounds like something I could have said myself. I will take notice of my honourable friend’s question.