

went ahead. Incidentally, Father Peter is the only one who has seen the completed project. The critics have not seen it yet but that does not seem to have prevented their criticizing it in advance. Father Peter tells me he is quite satisfied with it as an independent history of the Polish community and is one which will probably serve the community well.

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BILINGUALISM

POSSIBILITY OF SUSPENDING APPLICATION OF SECTION EIGHT OF AGREEMENT WITH PILOTS AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

Mr. Serge Joyal (Maisonneuve-Rosemont): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport.

Considering that the Canadian Air Traffic Control Association instituted disciplinary procedures against their regional director in Quebec because he supported the establishment of bilingualism in air communications, and considering that section 8 of the agreement reached on June 28 between the minister, CATCA and CALPA amounts to depriving a controller who is being prosecuted for such an offence of the basic right of being defended by his union, can the Minister of Transport tell the House whether he proposes to suspend the application of section 8 until an appropriate defence procedure is established and to enable a controller being prosecuted to go on supporting the policy of bilingualism of the federal government? In addition, what measures does he intend to take to ensure that this situation does not recur?

[English]

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): It is our intention that there should be a regulation which supports the rules which are in existence with regard to the flying and controlling of aircraft. It has always seemed to us to be extremely important that the rules be obeyed even while studies are going on to determine whether different rules should be put in place. It is true there is a difficulty in terms of union representation in present circumstances between CATCA and the controllers who are Francophone in obtaining the full services of the union on their behalf. I think this would only lead us to be very careful about the way in which proceedings against such a member would take place and perhaps to look for alternative procedures in which his defence could be full and adequate, notwithstanding his membership in CATCA.

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GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

REQUEST THAT CAPE BRETON BE CONSIDERED FOR DECENTRALIZATION PROGRAM

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the genial President of the Treasury Board. It relates to the decentralization of government services, a subject which I have raised on a number of occasions, in the light of the minister's most recent announcement involving Winnipeg, Moncton and St. John's bearing in mind that it would appear from the

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comments made in these announcements that high unemployment, indeed, continuing high unemployment, is part of the criteria taken into account when considering decentralization. Can the minister advise us whether he will soon be making another progressive statement in this regard involving Cape Breton Island where we have the qualified people and where we sure have continuing high unemployment?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of the Treasury Board): I can tell the hon. member that we are thinking of it. We hope to make some further announcements on decentralization and I might add that in the case of Cape Breton I am receiving on a daily basis diplomatic notes from the hon. member for Cape Breton Highlands-Canso, the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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HOUSING

RURAL REMOTE AREAS PLAN—AVAILABILITY TO NATIVES OF NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Mr. Wally Firth (Northwest Territories): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs but in his absence today may I direct it to his parliamentary secretary? It concerns the recent announcement that some housing units are to be built in British Columbia under the rural remote areas housing plan. Does this plan fall within the government's rural and native housing policy and if so what process is being used to consult with local native people? Further, is this program available to residents of the Northwest Territories?

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Urban Affairs): I shall have to take notice of that question. The minister is absent today but I am sure he will be able to answer it when he returns.

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NORTHERN AFFAIRS

DATE OF CLOSING OF ENGLISH AND WABIGOON RIVERS TO SPORT FISHING

Mr. Arnold Malone (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Can the hon. gentleman tell us when sports fishing will be banned on the English and Wabigoon rivers? Has he in his negotiations with provincial cabinet ministers from Ontario fixed a date when sports fishing on this river system will be stopped?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): At this juncture the federal and Ontario ministers present at the meeting must now take a proposal back to their respective governments. Both levels of government are very much aware of the urgency of the matter but we have to get approval from our respective governments before further action can be taken.