

Mr. Blenkarn: In view of the fact that Terminal No. 2 is a total disaster, will the minister advise if the same people who planned the first two parts of Terminal No. 2 are still in the employ of the ministry and, if so, why?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That supplementary could be placed on the order paper.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

POSITION OF MINISTER ON ADOPTION OF UNITED STATES AUTOMOBILE EMISSION CONTROL STANDARDS

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of the Environment. In view of the recent statement by the Prime Minister denying that protection of the environment is low on the government's priority list, will the minister inform the House why he now refuses to adopt the more stringent automobile emission standards to be implemented in the United States by 1976 and which were also planned for Canada at the same date?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, as I said earlier, that decision will be taken in a few weeks' time.

Mr. Harding: In view of the minister's statement expressing concern for energy losses through stricter controls, would the minister care to comment on the expert opinion of one of his senior officials, made public today on CBC radio, that strict automobile emission controls, if properly used, would not result—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt whether it is procedurally correct to invite ministers to comment on statements made by officials outside the House.

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[Translation]

TRANSPORT

ESTABLISHMENT OF FAST TRAIN SERVICE—DISCUSSION WITH FRANCE AND JAPAN

Mr. Gilles Caouette (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Transport.

In view of the problems caused by the building of giant airports such as that of Pickering and others, can the minister tell us whether or not his department expects that Canada will be provided with rapid train services?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, that is a matter in which we are greatly interested.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Perth-Wilmot. Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member would allow me to recognize the hon. member for Charlevoix on a supplementary and then I will call on the hon. member for Perth-Wilmot.

Oral Questions

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, can the minister tell us whether his department has been in touch with France and Japan with regard to new techniques in the field of rapid trains?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, not only are we consulting France and Japan in this regard, we have also been in touch with Germany.

[English]

SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO—DECISION ON REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF TRI-LEVEL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE PROBLEMS

Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot): Mr. Speaker, my question is also addressed to the Minister of Transport. In light of representations made this week to the minister by officials of the Mid-western Development Council who requested that a tri-level committee be established to investigate the severe transportation problems in southwestern Ontario, can the minister now advise the House whether he has acceded to this request and, if so, when will the committee be established?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I received the representation and the delegation yesterday in my office. I think it is a little too soon to answer this question.

Mr. Jarvis: Assuming, optimistically, that the minister will accede to this request, may I ask whether it will be his intention that the federal government provide the funding for this committee?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Red Deer.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

INQUIRY AS TO NEW PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRY THROUGHOUT CANADA

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. The minister has said he has been in discussion with the provinces to formulate an entirely new plan for the development of industry throughout Canada. Can the minister tell the House when he will be announcing this new proposal?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I doubt very much if it will be a single or specific proposal for all of Canada. As I indicated to members the other day, working parties are now in fact in negotiation with, for instance, the province of Alberta, and I would hope it would be possible to say something publicly about specific development opportunities within a relatively short time.