Oral Questions

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL TO YUKON AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES— GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the Minister of Justice. Does the minister intend to transfer jurisdiction of his capacity as Attorney General for both northern territories to those territories so that they may participate actively in such conferences?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, there is no present intention to make such transfer.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

DISCONTINUANCE OF MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS BY CKSB, ST. BONIFACE—REQUEST MINISTER ASK WINNIPEG STATIONS TO UNDERTAKE SUCH PROGRAMS

Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State and, in essence, is supplementary to earlier questions asked about the third language broadcasts by CKSB, St. Boniface. One of the recommendations associated with the reports on discontinuance of those broadcasts after one year was that the existing English language stations in Winnipeg could perhaps take up some of the slack which would result. I wondered if the minister would make active representations to English language broadcasting stations in Winnipeg himself in an effort to encourage them to undertake some third language broadcasting?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I have not, Mr. Speaker, but I am certainly prepared to do so. That was the point raised by the hon. member for St. Boniface. Frankly, my impression was, up to this point, that these negotiations were going very well but if it is felt by the hon. member and the hon. member for St. Boniface that my intervention would help I would be pleased to do so.

MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS—ALLEGED LACK OF GOVERNMENT DIRECTION—POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO BROADCASTING ACT

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. The President of the CBC indicated recently that he is willing to use a third language in broadcasting, provided some direction comes from the government in keeping with this idea. Could the minister tell the House why no such direction has come from the government so that the CBC could proceed?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I think we should be clear on this point. At the present time, the issue on language policy is abundantly clear. The fact is that the CBC interprets its mandate to broadcast in this country in English and French and CBC affiliates, as well, private stations, are allowed under regulations to broadcast in third languages. If we want changes, and the House of Commons can change this, let us address ourselves to the Broadcasting Act.

[Mr. Allmand.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. There are a few minutes left to the end of the question period. We have already had a few supplementaries on this subject and it might be pursued tomorrow.

[Translation]

TRANSPORT

INQUIRY RESPECTING SECURITY STANDARDS FOR AUTOMOBILES

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

With regard to the many releases the minister has sent to us on safety standards for motor vehicles, can he tell us whether those standards are set as a result of studies and research conducted in Canada under Canadian conditions, or are they only set in accordance with American standards?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): No, Mr. Speaker. The research bureau of the motor vehicle section has its own investigation and checking facilities; it sends a great number of investigators on the highways and conducts its own tests. Now it is possible that sometimes procedures used in other countries are followed here.

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POSSIBLE INCREASE IN EXTERNAL AID PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT FOR UNITED NATIONS—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Mr. Douglas Roche (Edmonton-Strathcona): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the government's decision to withdraw the Canadian peace force from Viet Nam, will the minister make a statement on motions soon indicating specifically how Canada can augment its contribution to world peace and justice through, for example, increased support of United Nations programs and more equitable trade policies with underdeveloped countries?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, this is part of the government's policy. Our contribution to external aid is increasing more rapidly than any other country in the world at the present time. We have been a very strong supporter of the United Nations, and I believe our action today underlines our real concern for peace in the world.

AIRPORTS

MOUNT HOPE—POSSIBLE MORATORIUM ON EXPANSION— LENGTH OF TIME FUNDS AVAILABLE

Mr. Duncan M. Beattie (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In light of the fact that the Hamilton Academy of Medicine has asked the city of Hamilton to seek a moratorium on