

*Oral Questions*

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** Obviously we shall have to look at events as they transpire tomorrow.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Munro (Hamilton East):** As far as the government is concerned the advice of the independent law officers of the Crown may be that in certain circumstances there is illegality, although I am encouraged to hear that the head of the Public Service Alliance has indicated that he cannot in all morality recommend any breaches of the collective agreement as far as that significant element of the trade union movement is concerned. In the private sector, I think it is up to individual employers to decide what action they might take. As to my remarks, I was hoping, and I think there is some indication of this, that a very significant element of the trade union movement will protest, possibly, but protest legally and not break their collective agreements. It is to our interest to have a responsible trade union movement of that nature.

**Mr. Fraser:** In view of the fact that a poll just conducted in my own constituency shows that the ordinary citizens there overwhelmingly sympathize with the protest—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. If the hon. member has a supplementary question, will he put it?

**Mr. Fraser:**—but that those same citizens do not agree with the method being used to protest, can the minister explain how his comments will help those who believe that breaking the law is not the proper way to protest?

**Mr. Munro (Hamilton East):** The obvious answer is to recommend, as I have, that if the rank and file organized worker feels under some compulsion to protest he should do so legally and not break collective agreements; he has lots of latitude to do that—lunch hours, split shifts and so on—when he is not working.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Fraser:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, this is a matter of vital importance to the country. It is a matter upon which there has already been a motion expressing concern in the House today. Yet we still find the Minister of Labour, speaking on behalf of the government, unprepared to say what the government's position is on this question of whether the national day of protest, or strike, is legal or illegal. It is clear the minister is trying to avoid this issue, especially since he made a foolish statement on the subject some time ago.

[Mr. Fraser.]

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

## WAYS AND MEANS

## TABLING OF MOTION CONCERNING TARIFF CHANGES

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to table a notice of ways and means motion with regard to the Customs Tariff in relation to the budget of May 25, 1976.

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[Translation]

## SUPPLY AND SERVICES

## TABLING CONTRACT WITH LOCKHEED FOR PURCHASE OF CP-140 AIRCRAFT

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Orders I would like to table two copies in English and two copies in French of the contract with Lockheed Aircraft Corporation for the purchase of CP 140 aircraft.

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[English]

## SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

## CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The House resumed from Tuesday, October 12, consideration of the motion of Mr. Maurice Harquail for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his speech at the opening of the session.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I want to begin by expressing my appreciation of that warm welcome which I think came from all corners of the House.

I also wish to begin my contribution to this debate by expressing, both personally and on behalf of my colleagues in the Progressive Conservative Party, our deep admiration of the example which has been set to all Canadians by the Governor General, not simply in his recent activities but throughout his tenure of office. We all knew him as a distinguished Canadian public figure before he came to his present office, and his courage and determination in carrying on that position in the face of affliction have been an inspiration to all Canadians.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

[Translation]

**Mr. Clark:** In my name and on behalf of my Progressive Conservative colleagues I would like to take a few moments to pay particular tribute to the wife of our Governor General, Mrs. Léger. I would like to tell her how impressed we are by