

*Oral Questions*

[*Translation*]

When the decision is announced, will it be that of the minister himself or the implementation of recommendations made as a result of the study undertaken by the government?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** I believe, Mr. Speaker, it will be a government decision, since the airport is under the Department of Transport.

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**ENERGY**

PROPOSAL TO INVITE BRITISH COMMITTEE TO STUDY  
CANADIAN NUCLEAR REACTORS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. J.-J. Blais (Nipissing):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

[*English*]

In view of the renewed interest of the U.K. government in Canadian nuclear reactor technology, and in view of the imminence of the decision to be taken by the U.K. Labour government with reference to the choice of a thermal reactor for that particular country, would the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources consider sending an invitation to the members of the subcommittee of the select committee on science and technology studying nuclear reactor technology, so that they can come to Canada and see our technology and be impressed thereby?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, some steps have already been taken toward extending an invitation to the British select committee. We would, of course, welcome the British select committee if they want to come here. We would expect and feel we could be assured of the co-operation of the government of Ontario, so that the committee could have them visit the Pickering plant, the world's largest and most successful nuclear station.

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**PUBLISHING**

INTENTION OF HOUGHTON-MIFFLIN TO EXPAND INTO  
CANADA—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Secretary of State. It is my understanding that the Canadian Book Publishers Council has made representations to the Secretary of State respecting the announced intention of Houghton-Mifflin Incorporated to expand its publishing operations into Canada, and that the Canadian Book Publishers Council has raised some objections to this intended move. Has the minister received these representations and does he intend to take any action on them?

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, yes, we have received them, but there has been no decision on any action.

**Mr. Rowland:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In line with the minister's statement to the Canadian

[*Mr. O'Sullivan.*]

Book Publishers Council in January that it was his intention to adopt policies which would ensure that a substantial portion of the Canadian book publishing industry remains in Canadian hands, can he indicate to the House what he considers to be a substantial portion and whether this move by Houghton-Mifflin will affect this definition?

**Mr. Faulkner:** Mr. Speaker, that tends to be a little subjective and difficult to answer directly. The thrust of my remarks in that speech was to emphasize that the support we are giving to the Canadian publishing industry, which is support for Canadian-owned publishers, is the one measure we have devised to ensure that ownership remains in Canada.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre and then call orders of the day.

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**AIR TRANSPORT**

POSSIBLE STRIKE OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS—  
GOVERNMENT ACTION TO PREVENT

**Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In light of reports that air traffic controllers may strike on April 17, what specific action is the minister taking to prevent this from happening?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, a vote is taking place right now among the air controllers on proposals made by treasury board. I think the results of the vote will be known on the seventeenth. Only after that will we know exactly what kind of decision the controllers are going to take.

**Mr. Alexander:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. We have reached the end of the question period. Perhaps the hon. member for Hamilton West might be permitted to ask one supplementary question, after which we should call orders of the day.

**Mr. Alexander:** Mr. Speaker, it is a somewhat related question, in that we are dealing with strikes.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. In fairness to other hon. members who also perhaps have related questions, I do not think the hon. member should ask his question. If the hon. member had wished to ask a supplementary, I would have recognized him. The hon. member for Central Nova indicated that he has an honest supplementary question. He will be recognized for that purpose.

**Mr. Alexander:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I heard you use the word "honest" in connection with the hon. member's supplementary. I think, as we are dealing with strikes in a particular area, questions related to the whole area of strikes would be in order. I hope that on this day, when we have extended such great praise to the Speaker, with which I certainly go along, that you will allow me to ask a question with regard to what is happening to our postal service, which affects the consumer.