

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, earlier this afternoon the Minister of Transport (Mr. Jamieson) asked me to take a few notes from him and reply on his behalf. He is unavoidably absent, representing the government at a function here in the city.

I understand from the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall) that the E.P.A. service was a one day wonder. There was a test flight on June 1 into Deer Lake, and subsequently the Department of Transport disallowed further flights, or at least indicated that further flights could not be carried out.

I am told by the minister that one reason for the difficulty is the short notice which was given to the Department of Transport by Eastern Provincial Airways in respect of the commencement of this new service. The Minister of Transport went on in his note to me to say that he is sure that the hon. member shares the minister's view that public safety must be the primary consideration, and that no authorization could possibly be given for the use of Deer Lake by the type of aircraft contemplated until such time as adequate equipment is in place to meet all safety

standards of the Department of Transport. An investigation is now under way to determine just how quickly the required equipment can be obtained, and the hon. member can rest assured that the Minister of Transport will keep in close personal touch with developments to ensure that there is no unnecessary delay.

The minister said further that in the meantime he understands that the Canadian Transport Commission has authorized E.P.A. to use Stephenville as an alternative airport and that E.P.A.'s regular operations of non-jet flights in and out of Deer Lake will continue without interruption. In other words, the Deer Lake stop for jet aircraft is likely to be approved but the appropriate equipment must be installed, and safety is the main consideration which has resulted in the delay of the commencement of this new service.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The motion to adjourn the house is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this house stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10.20 p.m.