

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Justice has had occasion to explain to the House that we do not consider that as the best way to solve the problem mentioned by the hon. member. We are convinced that through the Farm Products Marketing Agencies Act, i.e. Bill C-176, the problem can be dealt with firmly. We hope this will soon be done.

Mr. Beaudoin: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Could the Prime Minister tell us whether he intends to request such legal advice?

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AIR TRANSPORT

PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ON CHANGES IN AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION CODES

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): I should like to direct one or two more brief questions to the Minister of Transport with respect to air safety. Has the minister or his department now taken the necessary appropriate steps to ensure that any changes, either by the FAA or by the Department of Transport, with respect to identification codes used in the transponders in aircraft will be effectively transmitted prior to their coming into effect in equipment in operation in North America?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker. The officials have advised me that in their judgment the existing arrangement is satisfactory. However, in the event that there may be some problem or some gap in the arrangement I have asked the top officials of the department, including those who have major responsibilities for flight safety, to consult with the air traffic controllers themselves. This, I hope, will take place immediately, and as far as I know it will within the next day or two.

Mr. Forrestall: In view of the fact that some international confusion continues to exist and we have had difficulty in resolving the problem, I wonder whether or not Canada could take some lead in bringing about a system of international identification through transponders that would preclude any further confusion and the possibility of a serious accident? Could we not take the lead?

Mr. Jamieson: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I think it is generally known that on many safety issues we have taken the lead in the international field of aviation. I am happy to advise the House that the new representative of the Canadian government at ICAO, who will be appointed within the next few days, is in fact a man who has had wide experience in the air controller field. In other words, we have chosen a man who has maximum competence in this area, and he will be working on it.

SUGGESTED AUTHORIZATION OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS TO GROUND PILOTS DISOBEYING INSTRUCTIONS

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. In view

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of the fact that air traffic controllers do not have the authority to ground pilots who disobey their instructions, has any thought been given to strengthening the hand of air traffic controllers with a view to providing still further safety for those who travel by commercial or private air lines?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I think that the House would agree that the ability to ground a pilot should not rest with the controllers but that the controllers should have full freedom to notify those who do have authority to ground pilots. It is this kind of technique, this kind of communications network, that we are trying to improve at present; hence the ongoing talks with the controllers. In other words, if they have ideas for improving the system we will be very glad to consider them and, if they are logical, to implement them.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

FOREIGN OWNERSHIP—COMPLETION AND TABLING OF REPORT TO CABINET

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): My question is for the Minister of National Revenue. In light of the resignation from the cabinet of the hon. member for Duvernay and of the fact that his stated reasons have some economic implications, can the minister tell us when he anticipates completing the study on the degree of foreign ownership, foreign takeovers, etc. and presenting the report to the cabinet? Will it be the intention then to table that document well ahead of the presentation of income tax changes so that we can consider the package as one?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I advised the House previously that the work I had been carrying on was work within the government for the use of the cabinet. I do not think it is appropriate to comment in the way I am invited to do by the hon. member on what is essentially a matter of cabinet business. As the Prime Minister pointed out, it is the government's intention to inform the House once the cabinet reaches a decision on this very important matter.

TIME OF INTRODUCTION OF TAX REFORM PROPOSALS

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. In view of the implications that this resignation may have with regard to the tax reform proposals, will the Prime Minister confirm that the government is going ahead with its regular timetable on tax reform and will he tell the House just what it is so that we can be reminded again of the date when the tax proposals will be brought before the House this summer?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, we will be going ahead with our regular schedule. I do not think the resignation to which the hon. member referred will affect the schedule adversely—perhaps the contrary. As to the timetable, I hope that by