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FISHERIES

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA— CANADIAN POSITION ON JURISDICTION OVER CONTINENTAL SHELF RESOURCES

Mr. Alexandre Cyr (Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Fisheries.

At the next Law of the Sea Conference of the North Atlantic countries, is the minister going to state the position of the government that Canada has exclusive jurisdiction over living resources of the continental shelf or a distance of 200 miles from the coasts?

[English]

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, I think this is a matter which should first be brought up at the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

EFFECT OF PROPOSED FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW ACT ON ATLANTIC PROVINCES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. What assurance has he given to the premiers of the Atlantic region that the risk capital required for the development of these provinces will not be jeopardized by the implementation of Bill C-132, the Foreign Investment Review Act?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the premiers of these provinces have raised the matter with me in discussions, both collectively and singly. As the hon. member knows, when this bill was before the committee certain provinces chose to make their views known. I take it that the hon. member is aware of that.

Mr. MacKay: Mr. Speaker, we in the Atlantic region are well aware of the desirability of this legislation but we do not want it at our expense. I should like to know whether the Prime Minister has arranged any guidelines for domestic funding agencies to meet the needs of this part of the country in the event that this cut-off of capital does occur, as the Atlantic provinces fear?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, this is really a matter which has been dealt with and will be dealt with again in the bill that is before the House. If the hon. member or other members of the opposition have further views to make known on this, they will have a further opportunity to do so in the committee and in the House of Commons. We are certainly open to representations, if only they can agree among themselves what they would like implemented.

Oral Questions AIR TRANSPORT

DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF ALLOCATION OF ROUTE TO MILAN AND NEW ROUTES TO UNITED STATES

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. When will he be able to make an announcement as to which Canadian airline will have the right to fly the route to Milan?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I did not get the last part of the question.

An hon. Member: It was about Milan.

Mr. Bell: Look into it.

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member would like a reservation, maybe I can help. This will not be announced before we announce the new policy of the government in the field of international civil aviation.

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, can the minister indicate to the House when he will be making a statement in reference to which new routes allocated to Canada will be given to each of the Canadian airline companies?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, this cannot be done before the cabinet has ratified the agreement.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will be recognized for a last supplementary on this subject, following which the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Champlain.

Mr. Orlikow: After the cabinet has considered the matter and the minister makes his statement, will he include an explanation as to why Canadian carriers will not be given the right to fly the route from Winnipeg to Chicago until 1978 or 1979?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, the only explanation is that this is a package in respect of which there was give and take, and I do not think one can select one route and ask why we did not get that one. I could ask about 15 questions in respect of other routes, so I cannot give a simple answer.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

OLD AGE PENSION—LOWERING OF ELIGIBILITY AGE TO 60—MINISTER'S POSITION

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Does the minister's recent position—not to mention that of the recent Liberal convention—concerning the old age security pension at 60 years of age confirm the fact that the people from 60 to 65 have no hope of obtaining that pension during this parliament?