

International Airport in Montreal. I seek consent to move the following motion, seconded by the hon. member for Portage (Mr. Masniuk):

That this House does hereby request the immediate placement of a committee of investigation at Dorval airport to inspect the haphazard implementation of safety standards as they presently exist.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

NORTHERN ONTARIO—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I am rising under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent necessity to seek unanimous consent of the House to move a motion. In view of the revelation in today's press that regional development will get top government priority, and in view of the admission by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion, contained in another unpublished document, that northern Ontario's economic viability has been declining since 1961, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez):

That the House directs the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion to present within a month to the House a detailed program for the development of the long neglected region of northern Ontario, with specific reference to the establishment of special areas for the development of infrastructures, and to the establishment of Crown corporations for the benefit of our neglected people in northern Ontario.

Mr. Speaker: Does the House give unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT OF DEFINITION OF "HEALTH" APPLICABLE IN MAKING DECISIONS ON ABORTIONS

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Peel South) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-187, to amend the Criminal Code.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Blenkarn: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to define "health" in the Criminal Code under section 251(6) of that statute to mean actual physical or mental danger to the mother and, without limiting the generality of the word "danger", consideration of social and economic con-

ditions affecting the mother or her family unit shall not be taken into account.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

ALLEGED CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES—BASIS ON WHICH PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED—POSITION OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister arising from a leaked document purporting to be a cabinet document. I would ask whether the cabinet has changed its list or order of priorities and, in particular, whether the attack on inflation and unemployment has been moved from the top of the list, where it was in the Speech from the Throne and the budget speech of the Minister of Finance, to number six on the list?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I think the House and the Leader of the Opposition will understand that it is not good practice to comment on documents or exchanges between Privy Counsellors of a confidential nature. I am prepared to answer questions on any subject but not on the basis of any document supposed to be leaked.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Prime Minister whether the order of priorities indicated by the government in the Speech from the Throne and in the budget speech of the Minister of Finance has been changed and, in particular, whether the fight against unemployment and inflation is now number six on the list instead of number one?

Mr. Trudeau: The answer to that is no.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, has the government changed its priorities in any respect?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, the government does change its priorities from time to time. We have problems that we look at either on an urgent or essential basis. When we think they are solved or on the way to being solved we put others in a higher priority position. It would also depend on whether they were priorities from the point of view of action, from the point of view of consideration by cabinet, or from the point of view of eventual study by some department. The priorities are of a different nature according to the field of action about which you are talking.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I thank the Prime Minister for his philosophical dissertation. I should like to ask whether he will table in the House the government's list of priorities as it now exists, and whether he denies that the list of priorities, as contained in the purported cabinet