

Inquiries of the Ministry

and the recommendation with respect to improvements of the landing brake system are to be ignored?

Mr. Jamieson: No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I will allow the minister to reply to the question because of the delicacy of the matter. I think that normally such a question would be ruled as being argumentative. Perhaps the minister should be allowed to reply to the question.

Mr. Jamieson: Thank you, Your Honour, for your consideration, because it is a matter that I would not want held in abeyance. My statement was very carefully worded, and I repeat it now. We are completely satisfied about the airworthiness of this particular aircraft, if the operating manual and instructions are followed. I think that is simply reflecting the views of Mr. Justice Gibson.

On the larger question, we conveyed the findings to all appropriate parties in the United States. As the hon. member and the House will appreciate, this question is one that has to be negotiated internationally, because it is not simply Canadian aircraft that are involved or Canadian aircraft which are flying over Canada. I want to emphasize that the airworthiness of the aircraft is not in question provided proper procedures are followed. It is my information that they are now being followed to the letter by all Canadian carriers.

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HOUSING**WYNYARD, SASK.—STATUS OF PROJECT**

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the minister in charge of housing. In view of the housing capital budget announced by the minister this week and in view of the visit tomorrow by the minister to Wynyard in Regina East constituency, would the minister indicate if he will have any welcome news for the people of Wynyard on the ten-house project they have been trying to obtain for the past five years?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I am very appreciative of the reminder. I will do everything I can to get the appropriate information on that particular project at this time.

SASKATCHEWAN—ACTION TO INCREASE STARTS

Mr. R. R. Southam (Ou'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the minister responsible for housing. Since Saskatchewan received only 2 per cent of the total federal public works spending in 1970, and since the number of housing starts fell from 4,425 in 1969 to 993 in 1970, what special action has the minister taken to rectify this situation?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the hon. member, but I missed the first part of his question.

[Mr. Mazankowski.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the minister might take note of the question and reply at some other time. There are only a few minutes left in the question period.

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CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION**SUGGESTED TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport inasmuch as this matter was dealt with a while ago. It is of great concern to western Canada and pertains to the Canadian National, and the problems of railways generally. May I ask the minister if he would give consideration to the possibility of dissolving the Canadian Transport Commission and giving the responsibilities of the commission to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications of the House?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

An hon. Member: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has made a representation. He must assume that it will be considered.

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POST OFFICE**GOVERNMENT OFFER TO FORMER LAPALME DRIVERS**

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of the Post Office. Would the minister please make a statement on motions, informing this House exactly what offer the government made, other than the offer of the Prime Minister which was refused, to the Lapalme drivers?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Paproski: I do not consider this to be funny at all. I should like to know what was offered. I should like the minister to explain to the House exactly what the offer was and why it was refused.

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister without Portfolio): I think, Mr. Speaker, that this matter is too important for us to make fun of it. I am ready at any time to table the last proposals that were made to the Lapalme boys.

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SHIPPING**PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS AFFECTING SHIPYARDS**

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the govern-