

*Air Canada*

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The Montreal Olympics were fine. We in western Canada look forward to the Commonwealth Games. We expect to attract a lot of people. We hope they will come and go, leaving us with a good taste in our mouths. The worst thing you can do to air passengers is crowd them, mishandle their baggage, slow their processing through the airport and have a long and tedious processing through customs and immigration. Do that, and you have lost them.

**Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** That is the way to make friends!

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** As the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro) says, that is the way to make friends! Canada needs every friend it can get from abroad. The \$2 billion tourism deficiency has to be cut down, not only by Canadians travelling a bit more in Canada, which they should do, but by attracting more foreigners to this country to compensate for all the Canadians who go abroad.

Everyone possible has approached the Minister of Transport. He may be in some sympathy with this; I do not know. The Minister of Transport has never been known as Edmonton's best friend. Treasury Board cut back the program. It was interesting to read the comments in the papers the other day following a delegation of the air services committee of the Edmonton area which met with the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, who feels his way around like a new boy, saying "Yes" to everybody. According to newspaper reports, he agreed with every proposition made by the air services committee. I ask that minister now, and I will do this again later, whether he agrees with the position of Treasury Board. Does he agree with the acceptance by the Minister of Transport of the decision of Treasury Board with regard to the Edmonton airport?

This afternoon the Minister of Transport indicated to me that this was a short-run decision. However, we have had short-run decisions twice before. Those facilities are now costing well over 50 per cent more than originally proposed. That, again, is false economy.

I compare that decision to cut back with the \$150 million plus that was spent on Mirabel or Calgary where they are now in a position to put in pre-clearance. Pre-clearance, which has been negotiated now for the past several years, will not be instituted in Edmonton for some years to come if we follow the program of the Department of Transport with regard to that airport.

The Ministry of Transport should get off its collective duff and take a stand with regard to Treasury Board.

I hope the Minister of Transport, assisted by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, will state publicly that they will do everything they can to see that these alternations and improvements are financed. Then we will see how Air Canada will develop. On the basis of this development, getting more passenger miles and greater utilization of aircraft, we will see a more successful operation. It will help CP Air as well. That is one aspect of Canadian industry which we wish the greatest success; but it has to start with government policy. Notwithstanding the good measures contained in this bill, I regret that Treasury Board and Transport have put a wet blanket on the potential of Air Canada.

May I call it 6:30, Mr. Speaker?

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**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Could the deputy House leader indicate what we will be doing tomorrow?

● (1832)

**Mr. Cafik:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. If it is not possible to conclude third reading of this measure tonight, it is the intention to continue with this item tomorrow in the hope it can be given early passage. After that—this is a tentative proposal,—we would consider the Canada Labour Code. If there is any change in that arrangement, I will inform the House leaders tomorrow morning so that they can make the appropriate adjustments.

While I am on my feet, I wonder whether there would be disposition, since the hon. member has completed his speech, to deal with this measure tonight. We could then go on with other matters tomorrow.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** I have not finished.

**Mr. Cafik:** I am sorry. I did not realize that.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It being 6.32 p.m., this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 6.32 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Special Order.