

around metropolitan Toronto have been about as dormant as the minister's own activities, could the minister tell this House when decisions will be made and actions taken on such matters as the SOMPS report, which is long overdue, the over-crowded facilities at Toronto International Airport, the disposal of lands at Pickering, Toronto Island and the STOL situation, the expansion of Mount Hope, the Buttonville satellite airport and so forth?

In other words, why the delay in dealing with these long-standing problems, particularly since his predecessor, the hon. member for Vegreville, made decisions and found solutions to these problems some time ago?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, I note that my hon. friend is asking the same question he asked some months ago. The SOMPS report is known. It has been useful in the planning for railway development, airport development and so forth. A decision on the third terminal at Malton will be coming up in the next few months. The decision on the Hamilton airport has already been announced. I do not remember what other elements there were in the question, but I will be pleased to try to answer if I can be reminded of them.

Mr. Jelinek: Madam Speaker, the minister says that my question was similar to one I asked several months ago, and he is indeed right. I did ask that question, no action was taken then, and no action has been taken since.

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Since the minister seems to be confused about a variety of questions on air transport in Toronto put together in one question, I will simplify my supplementary question and ask him specifically about the Toronto International Airport situation where, as the minister should know, aircraft movement has increased to over 10,500 aircraft in the last four years, now reaching 59,637 aircraft movements and increasing very rapidly. In view of the fact that the SOMPS report recommended the construction of a third terminal, and because the existing facilities, particularly at terminal 1, are now at times over-crowded and inadequate, will the minister stop stalling and tell us when he will make a decision as to what actions and decisions will be taken at the Toronto International Airport?

Mr. Pepin: I am quite sure, Madam Speaker, that if the hon. member would look at the question he asked me, he would realize that some months ago I gave an answer on the Hamilton airport.

Mr. Jelinek: I was talking about Toronto.

Mr. Pepin: With regard to the third terminal at Toronto International, I gave an answer a moment ago. I said that this was in the course of being decided now and an announcement will be made in the coming months. What else can I do?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Pepin: You have not been the minister during the last three years; another gentleman was for one.

Oral Questions

GRAIN

INQUIRY RESPECTING DISCONTINUANCE OF EMBARGO ON SALES TO U.S.S.R.

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Madam Speaker, my question is also for the Minister of Transport, who sometimes is responsible for the Wheat Board.

An hon. Member: Sometimes.

Mr. Hovdebo: In view of the fact that the United States has moved rather aggressively into our traditional market of China for the sale of wheat, even though they asked us to respect their embargo on wheat to the Soviet Union, and in view of the fact that the Reagan administration is unlikely to favour the continuation of the embargo, would the minister now assure the House and the farmers of Canada that we will ignore the embargo and sell all the grain we possibly can to the Soviet Union?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, the Minister of State responsible for the Wheat Board has been saying for a number of weeks now that we will continue to export grain to the Soviet Union along normal and traditional lines. We no longer agree that there should be a maximum or a ceiling on our exports. He has been saying that for a number of weeks now.

Mr. Hovdebo: That statement by the minister has been contrary to the stated policy of the government.

I have a supplementary question, Madam Speaker. In view of the shortage of cash on the prairies and since the University of Saskatchewan agricultural economics department has identified losses of \$9 million due to the embargo on barley sales, and earlier identified losses of over \$120 million on wheat sales, will the government continue to dither over the calculations, or will they establish the payments as quickly as possible and, if so, how much and when?

Mr. Pepin: Madam Speaker, my colleague the Minister of Agriculture said a number of days ago that he would come up with an answer to this question within a few weeks. I think he mentioned November, if I remember well. So this situation is being attended to.

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NATIONAL PAROLE BOARD

REQUEST FOR PAROLE FOR PAUL ROSE—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Jean-Guy Dubois (Lotbinière): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. Recently, and more specifically in Quebec, much has been made in the newspapers of the request for parole for the terrorist member of the FLQ, Paul Rose, and the fact that a specific request to that effect may be addressed to the Solicitor General. Can the