

Oral Questions

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I regret to see the hon. member reach for the support of those members of his party who go on attacking Air Canada and try to follow that course of action.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Lang: Air Canada is a great airline, the great Canadian airline, and will continue to remain so. Would the hon. member inform me if the suitcases he lost are wee, little suitcases—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lang:—or medium sized suitcases? I assure the hon. member that Air Canada is much concerned about lost luggage, has been watching the figures and improving them regularly. I have been much impressed with the improvement in the figures—

Mr. Crouse: But you don't go by Air Canada. You use the Jetstar.

Mr. Lang: In one sense, considering the few bags now being lost, I am glad that so much of the loss is concentrated with the hon. member.

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[Translation]

MANPOWER**LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER UNUSED FUNDS TO PROJECTS IN AREAS OF NEED**

Mr. Eymard Corbin (Madawaska-Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I want to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration and I would like to come back to the question asked yesterday of the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Chrétien) by the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. Holt) concerning the LIP program.

Would the Minister of Manpower and Immigration agree, against the recommendation of the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway, to transfer the remaining LIP funds in the prosperous, rich and affluent constituencies of the west coast to the constituencies of the Atlantic region, which have a very high unemployment rate this winter and where Canadians want to work if they are given the opportunity?

[English]

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the funds allocated to this excellent program are, on occasions, not absorbed by individual constituencies. According to standard procedure, each year they are re-allocated in the final stages, to those constituencies with high rates of unemployment which are not concentrated, of course, in the east but are found throughout the country.

[Mr. Grafftey.]

LABOUR CONDITIONS**STRIKE OF PULP AND PAPER WORKERS—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS**

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Labour, may I direct my question to the Acting Minister of Labour. In view of the confusion surrounding the applicability of federal anti-inflationary guidelines to labour agreements under provincial jurisdiction and in view of the manifestly national impact and importance of the ongoing strike in the pulp and paper industry, would the minister inform the House of any new developments in his attempts to co-ordinate a just and equitable resolution of the strike in this sector?

[Translation]

Mr. Fernand E. Leblanc (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, since the minister is absent, I take the excellent question of the hon. member as notice and I can assure him that we shall give him an answer as soon as possible.

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[English]

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION**REASON FOR RENTING STORE FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES IN GALLERIE DES BOUTIQUES**

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the President of the Treasury Board. Now that the government is asking Canadians to show restraint in order to restore the health of the economy, is the minister aware that the Department of Supply and Services is renting a store in the Gallerie des Boutiques, one of the most expensive and exclusive shopping malls in Ottawa, and employing two clerks to man the store which carries office supplies and has a large sign saying that the goods in the store are not for sale to the general public but will be sold only to government departments? If so, does the minister feel that the spending of government funds on the renting of a store in this expensive shopping centre, and staffing it with two clerks, is a good example to set when the government is asking the working people of Canada to show restraint?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I take good note of the representations of the hon. member, and I shall make an inquiry on that matter. If something irregular is found out, the situation will be corrected.

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[English]

HEALTH**LASSA FEVER—POSSIBILITY OF INTERFERENCE WITH REGULATIONS BY WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION—EFFECTIVENESS OF QUARANTINE MEASURES**

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, and is a further follow-up question on Lassa