

Routine Proceedings

and other manufactured clothing goods from South Africa?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the government has taken just about every conceivable sanction possible in respect of South Africa, but as the Secretary of State for External Affairs indicated in Langkawi, reflected in the Commonwealth Langkawi Declaration we are, of course, ready to do more.

As my hon. friend will remember, I indicated to the United Nations that we were ready to impose comprehensive sanctions and to break off relations completely. We were persuaded by leaders of friendly nations in Southern Africa that the events had been brought to such a head in the spring, that worth-while developments were anticipated in the autumn and indeed that has, in large measure, come to pass. We are monitoring it extremely carefully.

While in Kuala Lumpur, the Secretary of State for External Affairs and I met with the heads of governments of the frontline states together with some leaders of the ANC who visited with us. They are extremely supportive of the action that Canada has taken now over some four or five years, appreciative of the leadership that Canada and the Parliament of Canada has manifested, and encouraged as well by our indication that should there be a relapse in the progress taking place that the Parliament of Canada and the government of Canada stand ready to take further action to bring about justice and the abolition of apartheid in South Africa.

Mr. Speaker: A final single question from the hon. member for Scarborough—Rouge River.

* * *

AIR-INDIA

Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Solicitor General I will direct my question to the Prime Minister.

The Air-India bombing took place over four and a half years ago and hundreds of Canadians were victims and suffered losses as a result of that crime. To date, there has been no public resolution of that crime and a delay of

this magnitude constitutes a real affront to the Canadian victims of that crime.

The Solicitor General has to take responsibility for law enforcement delivery mechanisms in this country, and five years is too long. I want to know, and the families of the victims want to know, when will the investigation be completed and when will we have a public commission of inquiry into this matter?

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Solicitor General, I am sure the House is aware that the government takes this to be a very serious matter. That investigation is ongoing, and as soon as we have results which can be made public, they will be made public.

* * *

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S. O. 52**REPORT ON CONVICTION OF DONALD MARSHALL**

Mr. Speaker: I must bring to the attention of the House that on another occasion I received an application from the hon. member for York Centre under Standing Order 52 asking that I adjourn the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter related to the report of the royal commission on the Donald Marshall case. The hon. member has given his statement to the House. I have given it, of course, serious consideration. It is a serious matter but I think it can be dealt with, at least at the moment, in another way and it would not be appropriate to proceed at this time. I thank the hon. member.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ORDER IN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**TABLING AND REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEES**

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table, in both official languages, a number of Order in Council appointments which were made by the government. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order