

to be presented with a recommendation on that particular one. When we hear from that airline we will have more information on which to base our decision.

Mr. John Manley (Ottawa South): Mr. Speaker, everybody is quite aware of the developments that are occurring in the industry with great losses being suffered by both Canadian Airlines.

We now know that Canadian Airlines is close to a deal. We know that Air Canada is talking about a deal possibly including equity with U.S. Air.

When is the government going to take some action to give policy leadership on this important issue which confronts the Canadian airline industry?

Hon. Shirley Martin (Minister of State (Transport)): Mr. Speaker, the concerns of the airline industry and losses are not concentrated in Canada alone.

Indeed there are changes taking place in the airline industry around the world. Much of the losses that are being incurred are not through policy decisions but rather through changes in the economy and changes in flying patterns.

The airlines are private companies. They are making private company decisions. We as a government will work with them as best we can to make sure we have a healthy industry.

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PRIVILEGE

COMMENTS OF MEMBER FOR NEW WESTMINSTER—BURNABY

Mr. Dennis Mills (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of personal privilege.

I believe the member for New Westminster—Burnaby made statements in the House today which were factually wrong. I would like to review the “blues” and speak to the House at the earliest date.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has raised a question of privilege. I remind the hon. member that statements that may be disagreed with may not necessarily be privilege, but I will certainly go along with the request of the hon. member to have a chance to look at *Hansard* and bring the matter back to the Chair.

Routine Proceedings

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE CONSTITUTION

PROGRESS REPORT

Right Hon. Joe Clark (President of the Privy Council and Minister Responsible for Constitutional Affairs): Madam Speaker, I rise to report to the House of Commons on the Canada round, on the distance we have travelled on the road to constitutional renewal, and on the distance we must still go to succeed.

At the invitation of the Prime Minister during 19 days of meetings in seven cities across Canada, ministers and aboriginal leaders have met to find ways to move this country forward.

I believe we are closer than ever to healing the wounds that bind us, to keeping the country that unites us. The progress we have made is unprecedented.

We had set May 31 as a target to conclude, but in Toronto we agreed that we had come so far that we should continue. Our purpose is agreement on all aspects of the Canada round, and that goal is within reach. We agreed in Toronto to a pause to consult, to gain some perspective, to identify areas where compromise might occur.

We have all learned hard lessons from the past. We have realized that we cannot make Canada more inclusive unless the process to get there is inclusive as well. We have all realized that no single part of this country can move forward in isolation and that the Canada round is necessary not just in name but in substance. We have all realized that no single part of this country can move forward in isolation, that a Canada round is necessary not just in name but in substance. We have all realized that closing doors does not open minds. So we are discussing a wide range of issues today: equalization, a new Senate, a common market within Canada, a new relationship with aboriginal peoples.

Nothing is agreed yet. There will be no final agreement until there is full agreement on a full package of change. But we are on the way to real change.