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the CRTC announced that it would be showing pornographic movies. There has been an avalanche of protest. Canadians insist that the CRTC follow its stated objectives which are, among other things, safeguarding, strengthening and enriching the cultural, political, social and economic fabric of Canada.

Canadians are demanding to know how the showing of pornographic material fulfils these objectives. The Canadian Teacher's Federation says that, in view of the central and influential role of television in shaping children's conception of male and female roles, and recognizing that children watch the full spectrum of television programs, it protests the inclusion of pornography in Pay Television.

People perceive themselves as being cheated and robbed of their dignity and their humanity. They perceive their Government as being party to a blatant attempt by a company licensed by this Government to reap huge rewards by pandering to the lowest and least worthy appetites in our society.

One woman said that she felt like an alien in her own land, expressing her frustration and helplessness at this intrusion of pornographic material into her home. My constituents and other Canadians plead with the Government to show some moral leadership and stop this programming.

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[Translation]

## AIR CANADA

REQUEST THAT CROWN CORPORATIONS BE SUBJECTED TO  
TIGHTER CONTROL

**Mr. Gaston Gourde (Lévis):** Madam Speaker, my colleague, the Hon. Member for La Prairie (Mr. Deniger), has done an excellent job concerning the shady activities of Air Canada. It would seem that, in recent years, that Crown corporation has slowly begun to shift its operations from Montreal to Toronto. Such action is reprehensible, all the more as the management of Air Canada has ordered the Hon. Member for La Prairie not to make his findings public.

For a few years now, Crown corporations have been accountable only after the fact and oftentimes only to have the Canadian Government pay their bills, which is unacceptable. I would therefore suggest that those corporations be subjected to more regular and tighter control by the Government and Parliament.

I would ask Air Canada and its president, first, to make public a full report on the allegations of the Hon. Member for La Prairie and, second, to undertake immediately a thorough review of its policy aimed at moving its operations to Toronto.

As a Quebecker, I find it difficult not to denounce Air Canada for such underhand action.

[English]

## MARINE TRANSPORT

## CALL FOR PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Madam Speaker, the Minister of Finance is now telling unemployed Canadians that their best hope for the short-term future is that his economic advisers are wrong in their forecasts. One might have expected a somewhat more positive message from the Minister of Finance over the weekend. There is just a little touch of cynicism in that.

If all the Minister can do is reduce the staggering 13.7 per cent unemployment by 1 per cent, then we are in fact in deep trouble. More discouraging is the probability that most of the funding to achieve even this minor improvement will go to so-called job creation programs and not to long-term job creation.

Instead of this, thousands upon thousands would appreciate some stimulation of our ailing marine and shipbuilding industry and a more, not less, competitive Seaway. It has become twice as expensive for U.S. grain to move through the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway than it is down the barge canal of the Mississippi River. We would appreciate the cancellation of the burden of the marine fuels tax. Get on with the gradual development of the Canadian Merchant Marine. Step up the Navy's fleet replacement program, indeed that of Coast Guard and of Fisheries and Oceans. As well, restore assistance to shipbuilding.

Take measures such as these, and not only will new and long-term job opportunities be created, but they will help prevent the loss the thousands of existing ones.

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## AIR TRANSPORT

CONCESSION TO UNITED STATES AIRLINE ON CANADA-  
AUSTRALIA ROUTE

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West):** Madam Speaker, on Friday the Minister of Transport caved in to let Continental, an airline which does not even land in Canada, haul passengers from Canada to Australia, via Los Angeles. If we let the United States siphon off Canadian traffic to the Orient, it will only be a matter of time before American airlines haul Canadian traffic to Europe, and trans-Canada passengers as well. After this concession, there is no guarantee that the U.S. will not take Canadian passengers hostage the next time it is unable to get what it wants at the bargaining table.

The United States Government twisted Canada's arm to help bail out several American airlines left flat broke by deregulation. The banks holding the debts of these airlines have an interest in seeing the border opened up to the planes now flying half empty around the United States. Is it just coincidence that the Chase Manhattan Bank which holds the debt of Continental Airlines is linked to the U.S. administration through the influential Rockefeller family?