

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, my position in this regard must be that I put the Canadian Pacific Railway in the same position as Canadian National Railways in regard to making up arrears. Pension benefits are negotiable between employees of the CPR and the railway, not between the railway and me.

Mr. Skoberg: A further supplementary—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member may ask a final supplementary but I would remind hon. members that the question period is only 40 minutes in length.

Mr. Skoberg: Since those people already on pension have no means of negotiating and since the Canadian Pacific Railway is now basing its pension improvements on years of service instead of years of retirement as is done by the Canadian National Railways, will the minister personally intervene right now to do something to help those people already on pension?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's further supplementary question is very much like the previous one.

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INDUSTRY

AUTOMOBILES MANIC LTD.—MEASURES TO PREVENT CLOSING

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Since, according to the reports received this morning, it seems obvious that the MANIC Co. of Granby—the only Canadian company building sports cars—is on the verge of bankruptcy and that the government has already given that company a grant of \$344,000 representing the direct federal tax of \$319 per car for a minimum production of 1,000 cars in the first year, is the Prime Minister aware of that eventual bankruptcy and does he intend to take the necessary steps to avoid it and prevent once more a Canadian company from becoming the property of foreign interests and more specifically of American interests for lack of the small amount of \$400,000 which that industry would need to avoid bankruptcy?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member may ask a question but he may not make a speech.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): The answer to the first question is no, Mr. Speaker. As for the second one, I can only say that I will study the matter.

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AIRPORTS

CALGARY—DISCUSSIONS WITH ALBERTA CABINET MINISTERS

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that questions have been put to him about the new Toronto International Airport and in view of the fact that yesterday one or more cabinet ministers from

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the province of Alberta were here, did any discussion take place with reference to the international airport in the city of Calgary which is so important to the province of Alberta and particularly to the petroleum industry because of the travel of personnel between the United States and Canada?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, so far as I am aware there were no conversations in Ottawa yesterday with visitors from Edmonton. Discussions took place between myself and His Worship, the Mayor of Edmonton, a week or so ago, and during this present week there have been discussions in Edmonton between officials of the Department of Transport, the city and various other organizations in the Edmonton area.

Mr. Woolliams: Has a decision been made at the federal government level about the international airport at Calgary, and has the matter now been referred to officials of the Alberta provincial government and officials of the city of Calgary?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, I hesitate to suggest that the hon. member is talking about the wrong airport. If he is talking about the industrial airport at Edmonton, as opposed to the international airport, may I say that the talks which have been going on have been related to the future use of the industrial airport in the city of Edmonton.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, may I ask one further question. Perhaps the minister will not be able to answer it. Has there been conversation between the minister and the hon. member for Calgary South about extension of Calgary International Airport and the building of a new depot?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member cannot ask the minister whether he has had conversation with another member of the House.

[Later:]

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, while I am on my feet may I apologize to the hon. member for Calgary North. I misunderstood him. During the past week there has been a great deal of discussion about the future of Edmonton's industrial airport. I was under the impression that that was the nature of the question. So far as the Calgary airport is concerned, I have had a request from the mayor of Calgary for a meeting with him, which I propose to agree to next week. I believe that the Minister of Highways for the province of Alberta will be accompanying him to that meeting. I am sorry I misunderstood the hon. member.

Mr. Woolliams: Thank you very much.

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GRAIN

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE ON MARKETING OF RAPESEED FROM PRODUCERS AND OTHERS

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the minister responsible for the Wheat