

Inquiries of the Ministry

of National Defence. Is the minister in a position to answer the question of which he took notice last Saturday in respect to the alleged loss of the prospective sale of CL-44 cargo planes to the United States air force, owing to the unusual and unexplained delay of the Canadian government in reaching a decision with respect to re-equipping its air defence squadrons?

Hon. Pierre Sevigny (Associate Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I believe this question was answered by the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Hellyer: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, may I say that the question was not answered by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, who just said he was not in a position to answer it. I thought perhaps the associate minister might be in a position to answer it this morning.

Mr. Green: The hon. member for Trinity was not here yesterday.

Mr. Hellyer: Yes, I was here.

Mr. Green: If he will refer to *Hansard* I think he will find that I answered that question.

[Later:]

Mr. Hellyer: I should like to direct a question to the Minister of External Affairs arising out of the reply he gave yesterday in answer to the hon. member for Assiniboia. Is the hon. gentleman yet in a position to report on the proposed sale to the United States of CL-44 cargo aircraft? Yesterday the minister was not in a position to make a report on this matter.

Hon. Howard C. Green (Secretary of State for External Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**IMMIGRATION ACT—REQUEST FOR INTRODUCTION OF BILL THIS SESSION**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate): I wonder if I could ask the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, in view of the fact that the session is apt to go on for several weeks longer, whether she would consider introducing the bill to revamp the Immigration Act so that it could be studied between now and the next session.

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): I am afraid it is not ready to be introduced at the present time.

[Mr. Hellyer.]

AIRPORTS**VANCOUVER—INQUIRY AS TO NEGOTIATIONS RESPECTING FEDERAL OPERATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John Drysdale (Burnaby-Richmond): I wonder if the Minister of Transport has a report to make to the house regarding the meeting he had this morning with the mayor and members of the city council of Vancouver regarding negotiations leading to the taking over by the government of the Vancouver airport.

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker. The possibility of the transfer and sale of the city of Vancouver's investment in Vancouver airport to the Department of Transport was discussed today by a delegation representing Vancouver at a meeting with myself and departmental officials. Representing the city of Vancouver were Mayor A. T. Alsbury, Alderman Halford Wilson, chairman of the Vancouver airport board, and Alderman Reg. Atherton.

During the discussion, which Mayor Alsbury termed "most satisfactory", the Department of Transport agreed to undertake an appraisal of the city's interest in the airport, the appraisal to be made by the department's air services branch and an independent appraiser, the latter to be appointed with the approval of the city of Vancouver. The report of the appraisers is to be ready in September.

I have agreed to review the appraisers' report as soon as it is completed, at which time I shall be prepared to make a recommendation to the government as to the amount the department would pay to the city for the acquisition of the airport.

COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT—CRIMINAL CODE**AMENDMENTS RESPECTING MERGERS, MONOPOLIES, ETC.**

The house resumed, from Monday, July 25, consideration in committee of Bill No. C-58 to amend the Combines Investigation Act and the Criminal Code—Mr. Fulton—Mr. Flynn in the chair.

On clause 12—*Prohibitions*.

Mr. McIlraith: I should like to ask a question at this point for guidance. It has to do with the amendments proposed and adopted in the standing committee on banking and commerce to which this bill was referred. It will be noted that there are several amendments, and one has to do with clause 12. I therefore raise the point at this time.