

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I am getting in touch with my provincial colleagues. As a matter of fact, a telegram is being sent to them this morning on this subject.

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AIR CANADA

ROLE AS MODEL CORPORATION—GOVERNMENT POSITION ON PERFORMANCE

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport arising out of his statement this morning that the government expects Air Canada to perform a special role as a model corporation. Is the minister satisfied with the performance of Air Canada in discharging this obligation and, if not, can he advise the House in what areas—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member asks whether the minister will indicate whether he is satisfied. The hon. member is really inviting an expression of opinion on the part of the minister and a question in those terms is not in order.

Mr. Mazankowski: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the question was directed to the minister to ascertain the performance of Air Canada in carrying out this obligation referred to in the statement made this morning. I simply want to ask the minister whether this role of the corporation is being performed by it in accordance with government policy under which it is stated that Air Canada should perform a very special role as a model corporation. I am simply asking the minister whether this is being done by Air Canada.

Mr. Speaker: I still have serious doubts whether the question is in order. Perhaps the minister might be allowed to reply briefly, after which I will recognize the hon. member for Edmonton West.

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INDUSTRY

STEEL—POSSIBLE SHORTAGE OF PIPE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINE EXTENSION TO MONTREAL

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the commitment in principle to extend the pipeline to Montreal or farther east, has the ministry taken the appropriate steps to ascertain that there is sufficient steel available to carry out this undertaking, bearing in mind the very tight supply situation in Canada as far as steel is concerned and the inability of the industry to bring in new steel production before 1976?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The hon. member is quite right. There is a potential shortage of steel. But this is only one of a number of matters which are presently under discussion with the principals involved. Clearly, if there is not suffi-

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cient steel the project might have to be delayed. But there are other alternatives.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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[Translation]

MANPOWER

EXTENT OF CAMPAIGN TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT THIS WINTER

Mr. Gilles Caouette (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Following his statement on the launching of a crash campaign to create jobs this winter, could the minister tell us why this campaign applies to only seven urban centres?

[English]

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I believe, with respect, that is a misinterpretation of what I said last night before the committee. I announced that manpower counselling facilities would be enhanced in seven major centres, and that other measures, the introduction of job banks, job information centres, are proceeding and being completed in 19 centres, and that we will proceed in all Canada Manpower Centres across the country with a final date in mind of early in 1975.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a supplementary question.

Would not the minister rather think that the best crash campaign would still be one that would aim at tripling votes for the LIP?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This is more in the way of a representation than a question.

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[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION PROMISED BY MINISTER'S PREDECESSOR

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport arising from his statement this morning. Will the minister tell us whether he has any present intention of implementing the three major pieces of legislation promised by his predecessor on March 14, 1972, in a major speech in the House, including legislation to divorce Air Canada from the CNR?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): This is something we are still looking into.

Mr. MacKay: Bearing in mind the minister's indication this morning that he will be making policy announcements in the near future, will he undertake to cover this point at that time?