VALIDITY OF DEPORTATION ORDER AGAINST MRS. DOROTHY HERTZBERG IN VIEW OF MENTAL CONDITION

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, I wonder how the minister expects the deportation order to be effective if the woman upon whom it is served is incapacitated mentally?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I am fully aware of the difficulties there, and we are judging them in taking advice and in consultation with the medical authorities.

HARBOURS

VANCOUVER—DECISION OF HARBOURS BOARD TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN CORPORATIONS CAUSING LOSS OF TAXATION TO MUNICIPALITY—POSITION OF MINISTER

Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact the National Harbours Board has been trying to reclassify certain corporations at Centennial, Ballantyne and Lapointe piers, so that the city of Vancouver will lose about half a million dollars annually in municipal taxation, can the minister advise the House whether this somewhat shifty manoeuvre was done with the knowledge and support of his department? The minister has notice of my question.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for the notice. Under the law the National Harbours Board can pay grants in lieu of taxes. When there is disagreement between the city and the National Harbours Board, as in this case, there is a right of appeal to the provincial assessment board. This is the place to go in order to have the decision changed.

Mr. Fraser: Can the minister assure the House that he is personally looking into this matter which is of considerable concern to the city of Vancouver? The situation has arisen as a direct result of a member of the National Harbours Board entering into so-called contracts of service to get around corporations being classed as occupiers.

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, even this morning my parliamentary secretary, the well-known hon. member for St. Boniface, met with the mayor of Vancouver and members of the National Harbours Board.

AIRPORTS

TORONTO—REQUEST FOR SETTLEMENT OF CONFLICT BETWEEN LIMOUSINE SERVICE AND PRIVATE TAXIS— POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Has the minister received a report or is he aware of the growing transportation difficulties experienced by airline passengers at Toronto International Airport because of the conflict between the limousine service and private taxi services? If

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so, what recommendation is he going to make to correct this serious situation?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I am aware of this very difficult case. Our people are there meeting with the provincial people and trying to solve the problem.

Mr. Gilbert: Would the minister refer this matter to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications so that they may study it in depth and make recommendations to the minister?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): If in a short time nobody succeeds, maybe that will be the solution.

SOCIAL SECURITY

ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST VETERANS BY NOT COUNTING OVERSEAS SERVICE IN ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY FOR OLD AGE PENSION

Mr. G. H. Whittaker (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. May I ask why there was no mention in the throne speech of legislation to end the discrimination against veterans who cannot count their overseas service as time in Canada when applying for the old age pension?

[Translation]

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I believe that this session will show that many bills which were not specifically mentioned in the Speech from the Throne will benefit all Canadians. I hope that one of them will cover the case mentioned by the hon. member.

[English]

PUBLIC SERVICE

POSSIBLE ELIMINATION OF ISOLATED POST ALLOWANCE FOR EMPLOYEES IN WHITEHORSE—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the President of the Treasury Board. In view of the uncertainty among many hundreds of civil servants in Whitehorse concerning the rumoured cutting off of the isolated post allowance, can the minister assure those government employees now that no such consideration is being given by the Treasury Board and that isolated post allowances in that city will not be denied to such employees?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, fortunately I know something about this because I have just been getting a briefing from the minister responsible, but we have not yet reached the conclusion of our discussion.