

Inquiries of the Ministry

Members of the House of Commons will be corrected and the phone books up dated? I ask this question in view of the fact that last week we received new inserts and discovered, sir, that members of parliament who were defeated last June, and who are no longer associated with the House of Commons, are given House of Commons phone numbers, while new members were not included. This also applied to civil servants. Can we have this most fantastic situation attended to—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Diefenbaker: That is government efficiency.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, as I understand it the hon. member is inquiring about defeated members of parliament and he said defeated civil servants—

Mr. Winch: I did not say defeated civil servants—

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): I will inquire about them.

Mr. Winch: —and I said it was an extraordinary situation.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Champlain.

[Translation]

AIR TRANSPORT**INQUIRY ABOUT TRANSFER OF POINTS OF DEPARTURE**

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport.

Does the shifting of Air Canada departures from Montreal to Toronto result from the delay in selecting a site for the Montreal International Airport?

[Later:]

Mr. Matte: Mr. Speaker, I am coming back to the question I have just put and I am turning it into a matter of privilege since it is extremely urgent.

In early February, an editorial was published in—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member would perhaps like to put the question again and the minister will decide whether it should be answered.

Mr. Matte: In that case, I would ask the minister whether the transfer of Air Canada departures from Montreal to Toronto stems from all this beating around the bush concerning the choice of a site for the Montreal International Airport.

Mr. Speaker: After hearing the question for the second time, I still think it unacceptable, but it might be simpler to let the minister answer.

[English]

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I must admit I did not understand the question either the first or the second time. I would be quite willing to listen once more, but I am not sure what the hon. member is referring to as being moved, or his allegation that something has moved from Montreal to Toronto. Perhaps if he would be a little more explicit I could help him.

Mr. Speaker: In view of the difficulty in this situation the minister might take note of the question when it appears in *Hansard* tomorrow.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF AVIATION POLICY

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the concern that has been expressed by the 224 members of the Air Transport Association of Canada is it the government's intention to announce this session a consistent federal aviation policy, with special reference to a policy governing mainline and regional carriers?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, there is a policy in existence which is being implemented at the present time. In respect to regional carriers, as my hon. friend well knows, there was a considerable period when it was not possible to implement the announcements made by my predecessor but these are now in process of being implemented, and I think the situation is improving and is being well received by the industry and the travelling public. There will, of course, be further changes in due course. A number of these are under study by the government, and particularly by the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Richardson). I do not imagine that there will be any immediate announcement, but within a reasonable length of time I have no doubt that we shall have other announcements to make to the House of Commons.