

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 29, 1969

The house met at 2 p.m.

[Translation]

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

#### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Third report of Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, in English and in French—Mr. Legault (Nipissing).

[English]

Second report of Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization—Mr. Blair.

[Editor's Note: For reports of Committees above referred to, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

[Translation]

#### DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

REPORT OF SECOND MEETING OF  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to table copies in English and in French of the report of the second meeting of the Constitutional Conference held in Ottawa in February last.

[English]

### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

#### AIR CANADA

STRIKE OF MECHANICS—INQUIRY AS TO  
PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Prime Minister, in connection with the Air Canada strike which continues to cause increasing inconvenience to Canadians, whether the government proposes to take any steps to encourage a settlement of this strike, and whether there have been any developments today or yesterday which encourage the government to believe that the parties can be brought together to continue the discussions.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, there are no developments or steps beyond those which were reported to the house yesterday by the Minister of Labour.

**Mr. Stanfield:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Are we to assume from the statements of the Minister of Labour yesterday that the government has abandoned the guideline which was laid down by the Prime Minister in the house prior to the strike taking place?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest to the Leader of the Opposition that the supplementary question is argumentative in nature.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, I am seeking confirmation or otherwise of an impression created by the Minister of Labour yesterday, and with respect I suggest that the Prime Minister might confirm or deny the impression that has been created.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member's understanding is exactly contrary to that which was said in the house. When asked a few weeks ago about guidelines, I said there were no guidelines, and I went on to add other things. The hon. member is implying that there are guidelines. Of course there are none.

#### AIR TRANSPORT

SUGGESTED HALIFAX LANDING TO ACCOMMODATE ATLANTIC AREA PASSENGERS

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport, if there is a Minister of Transport in the house. Due to the inconvenience and hardship caused by the Air Canada strike to certain people on the Atlantic side of this nation, would the minister check with his officials or with the officials of the Canadian Transport Commission to explore the possibility of the landing in Halifax of international carriers now taking off from Montreal. I have in mind in particular B.O.A.C., which flies from Montreal. At present people have to journey from Halifax and other parts of the Atlantic area to catch the plane in Montreal, and even so the service between Montreal and Halifax is not good.