

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

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**Friday, April 18, 1969**

The house met at 11 a.m.

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

#### FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Seventeenth report of Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, in French and in English—Mr. Gaston Clermont (Gatineau).

[Editor's Note: The text of the foregoing report appears in today's Votes and Proceedings.]

[English]

#### NATIONAL DEFENCE

##### NATO—PRESS RELEASE RESPECTING CANADIAN PARTICIPATION

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 41(2) I should like to table the statement released by the office of the Prime Minister on April 3, 1969 with regard to Canada's participation in NATO.

Perhaps while doing so I could call the attention of hon. members to the fact that the Notice of Motion on the participation by Canada, in NATO, which will be dealt with on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, is on the notice paper, and since that debate will refer at least in part to this particular release I suggest it might be helpful to hon. members if the text of the statement were made available as an appendix to *Hansard*.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is that agreeable to hon. members?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[Editor's Note: For text of press release, see Appendix.]

#### AIRPORTS

##### MONTREAL—TABLING OF HIGGINS REPORT ON SELECTION OF SITE

**Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional and Economic Expansion):** Pursuant to Standing Order

41(2) I should like to table a copy of the Higgins Report regarding the selection of an international airport site in Quebec. I might mention, Mr. Speaker, that a request for this report was contained in Notice of Motion No. 95 by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby. This tabling conforms also, of course, with that request.

### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

#### AIR CANADA

##### STEPS TO PREVENT MECHANICS STRIKE— LEGISLATION TO PROTECT PUBLIC INTEREST

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Can he tell us about the status of the Air Canada dispute at the moment? What steps, if any, are being taken to persuade the parties to resume negotiations and prevent a strike which would undoubtedly cause serious inconvenience to thousands of Canadians?

I realize that the Minister of Labour may have pressing reasons for being away but I should like to ask whether, in particular, the Minister of Labour has been requested to return and take a hand in the settlement of this dispute before any strike takes place.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Of course, Mr. Speaker, the Department of Labour has been involved at appropriate stages in attempts to settle the dispute and the Acting Minister of Labour has been assisting in every way he can.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Can the Prime Minister say whether the Minister of Labour himself will be returning to take charge of the dispute? I ask that particularly in view of the fact that the Prime Minister's intervention yesterday seemed to make what was a probable strike almost inevitable. I wonder whether the Prime Minister would make certain that he has the advice of the Minister of Labour with regard to this matter, particularly before making further interventions.