

*Oral Questions***AIR CANADA**

## APPEARANCE OF OFFICIALS AT COMMITTEE MEETING

**Mr. Pat Nowlan (Annapolis Valley-Hants):** Madam Speaker, I direct my question to the Prime Minister. In view of today's notice of a Transport Committee meeting this afternoon, "regarding the appearance of Air Canada on Tuesday, May 24 . . .", has the Prime Minister or any of his Ministers given instructions that Government Members on the Committee should stonewall the appearance of Air Canada officials and its Chairman?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Madam Speaker.

## REQUEST THAT CHAIRMAN TAKE LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**Mr. Pat Nowlan (Annapolis Valley-Hants):** Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is also directed to the Prime Minister. Since we now understand that the police investigating the Chairman of Air Canada and his friends must obtain evidence in the Caribbean and in Europe, with no finality of conclusion, and since the Prime Minister had enough interest in the appointment of his friend to take a helicopter to his farm to invite him to be Chairman, does the Prime Minister not now think that, for the sake of Air Canada and its reputation, he should at least pick up the phone and ask the Chairman to stand down and take a leave of absence pending completion of the criminal investigation?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, the gentlemen opposite could hold their applause. The facts are completely wrong and they come from an ignorant and prejudiced mind.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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**NATIONAL PAROLE BOARD**

## ABSENCE OF GATING AUTHORITY

**Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. Yesterday, Donald Oag flew from Edmonton to Toronto effectively as a free man as a direct consequence of the Supreme Court of Canada's recent decision on gating. Does the Minister have any comments to make beyond saying that Oag, Wayne Sparling, Patrick Truscott, Patrick Noonan, William Smith, Scott Hyggen and other highly dangerous convicts will be watched once outside? More important, will he tell us why a viable but fair gating procedure was not brought before the House a good long time ago?

• (1430)

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada):** Madam Speaker, the individuals the Hon. Member named are indeed

released from penitentiary but they are under mandatory supervision. This means that they have an obligation to report regularly to their parole supervisor. I am not satisfied with that; I would prefer to have the authority to see them continue to serve their time behind bars until the end of their sentences, but the decision of the court is as the Hon. Member said.

I have brought legislation forward and it is being presented to the Senate. It will re-establish the gating authority of the National Parole Board. I would ask the co-operation and assistance of all Hon. Members to get this sensible and needed legislation implemented into law.

**Mr. Kilgour:** Madam Speaker, as we say in the West, from the standpoint of public safety the Minister does not know whether he is on foot or on horseback.

## REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

**Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona):** Madam Speaker, the Minister knows perfectly well that next week the Legal Committee of the Senate will, in all likelihood, rule that his gating amendments to Bill S-32 are improper. Why has he not brought a fair but adequate gating procedure before this democratically elected body?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada):** Madam Speaker, in reviewing the proposals when I submitted them to Cabinet the Government made the decision that they would move more expeditiously if they were introduced in the Senate because of the relative work loads of the two Houses. I cannot say whether that decision was right or wrong in the event, because it is impossible to guess whether that legislation would have been treated in this House the way the Opposition has treated all the other legislation presented by the Government. I am glad to know that the Hon. Member supports gating legislation. I hope when that legislation comes to us, all of us will take steps to see it implemented as quickly as possible.

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[*Translation*]

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

## REQUEST THAT CANADA INVITE SYRIA TO REMOVE TROOPS FROM LEBANON

**Mrs. Céline Hervieux-Payette (Montreal-Mercier):** My question is directed to the Right Hon. Prime Minister.

Following the agreement concluded by Lebanon and Israel, which reads as follows, and I quote:

[*English*]

"The parties agree and undertake—to respect the sovereignty, political independence and territorial integrity of each