

taken to deal with the very serious problem of youth unemployment. This is what he has been actively working on.

I have another suggestion for my hon. friend. If he is that concerned about unemployment and jobs for young Canadians, he should encourage his Party and the New Democratic Party to vote for the Crow legislation which will create 370,000 jobs in this country and create \$35 billion in sales for this country.

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### CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

#### REQUEST FOR INTERIM GRAIN PAYMENTS

**Mr. Len Gustafson (Assiniboia):** Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. I would like to know how he intends to create jobs by bankrupting farmers. The Government now has in its hand over \$1.1 billion of the farmers' money for grain sold. In the western Grain Stabilization Fund it has between \$800 million and \$900 million. Will the Government make an interim payment of the farmers' money before the end of the year? It might create some jobs.

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**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport):** Madam Speaker, in response to the rhetorical question that was posed by the Hon. Member, the way that you create jobs is by building a new railway to move the farmers' product to export markets so it can be sold and they can make money.

**Some Hon. Members:** Right on.

**Mr. Axworthy:** If he does not know those basic economics then he should change his seat.

On the second part of the question, the Hon. Member knows very well that just last week the Minister of State responsible for the Wheat Board announced new payments on barley coming out of that particular program. We have indicated that we are reviewing the Grain Stabilization Program. There is a legislative requirement that payments be based on a five-year average. No Government can overcome that particular requirement under the statute. However, we are reviewing it to determine whether there can be a new formula determined. Rather than sitting and making great speeches about it, the Hon. Member might be prepared to adopt such measures when and if they are brought forward.

#### FARMERS' CASH FLOW PROBLEMS

**Mr. Len Gustafson (Assiniboia):** Madam Speaker, the Hon. Minister knows that I referred directly to the grain sold. The Minister also knows that when we were in Government we made interim payments.

**Madam Speaker:** The question.

**Mr. Gustafson:** Is the Minister going to play politics with the farmers' money and make a large payment just before the

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election, or is he going to alleviate the cash flow problems they have right now?

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport):** Madam Speaker, as always we will make the decision at the most prudent time.

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### CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION

#### DOMESTIC AIR POLICY HEARINGS—APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST COUNSEL

**Mr. Robert Bockstael (St. Boniface):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. On September 27 the Minister asked the Canadian Transport Commission to hold public hearings on domestic air policy following the events relating to discount fares by Canadian airlines. He pointed out that there would be a counsel appointed by the Minister of Justice to represent the public interest. Could the Minister inform the House when this appointment will take place?

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport):** Madam Speaker, first I am pleased to report to the House that the Canadian Transport Commission has decided to hold such hearings, the first of which will take place on November 15. Second, the Minister of Justice has agreed to my request and has appointed Mr. Morris Kaufman as special counsel to represent the public interest at those hearings.

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### IMMIGRATION

#### HONG KONG PROSPECTIVE ENTREPRENEUR IMMIGRANTS—EXORBITANT CONSULTANTS' FEES

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration. On Wednesday he announced a policy making it easier for entrepreneurs to immigrate to Canada. Is the Minister aware of the situation in Hong Kong where a number of Canadian lawyers and so-called immigration consultants, mainly from Vancouver and Toronto, are operating out of expensive hotel suites in Hong Kong, issuing misleading newspaper advertisements, and exploiting Hong Kong business people with exorbitant fees of up to \$15,000 a case for simply filling out forms, which can be done for free at the Canadian High Commission?

**Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Yes, Madam Speaker, I have heard something to that effect of the activities of these so-called consultants, although not in the detail which the Hon. Member has described. It is difficult for us to restrict the kind of advertisements which may appear outside of the country. It is extremely unfortunate that this is taking place. We have arranged to station an increased number of officers abroad to handle the applications of the entrepreneur class which we are seeking to expand.