implementation of this much needed air passenger service in Atlantic Canada?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, along with the hon. member we await that decision very eagerly and will attempt to deal with it in whatever way we must as expeditiously as we can.

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ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL BOARD

POSSIBILITY OF GRANTING APPLICATION FOR PILOT URANIUM MILL IN SASKATOON

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, who is apparently serving as Acting Prime Minister today? May I ask the minister responsible for the Atomic Energy Control Board whether or not the board has received an application for permission to establish a pilot uranium mill in the city of Saskatoon from Amok Ltd., whether permission will in fact be granted, or whether or not they will await full environmental studies in the city of Saskatoon and its environs before granting such a licence?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I would be very pleased to look into the whole question of a licence. It is not something on which I give directions to the Atomic Energy Control Board.

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PRIVILEGE

MR. YEWCHUK—NEWS REPORTING

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege since it is the only course open to me to protest against a recent, shabby CTV news report which, by innuendo, casts a slur upon me and my family. The report dealing with travel on DND aircraft and written by Mr. Charlie Greenwell, after a telephone interview with myself, was inaccurate and erroneous as well as clearly designed to make a preconceived point. I was unable to resolve the matter with CTV News since no one, not even the reporter concerned, would discuss the subject with me, although I made three attempts to contact them.

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Having been given the facts, Mr. Greenwell chose to sensationalize the issue by producing a false and misleading report. Subsequent refusal to discuss the matter and take corrective action, in my view, establishes him as the journalistic equivalent of a creature to whom scientists refer as *sus scrofa*, or referred to pseudo scientifically as *porcus domesticus*. In view of the facts which I have outlined, and in view of the fact that this House has always staunchly defended the freedom of the press, if you, sir, should decide that my question of privilege is valid, I would move that this House express its displeasure with all examples of shabby and irresponsible news reporting.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

An hon. Member: You would have to abolish the *Globe and Mail*.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. For reasons which I set out at greater length in respect of earlier but similar cases raised by hon. members respecting the reporting of their activities, either directly or indirectly connected with their capacities as members of parliament, I have come to the conclusion that, as I have expressed in the past and for these reasons, unless the reporting amounts to a contempt of the House it should not be looked upon as being in the class of a question of privilege. Certainly, no argument is put forward that the reporting is contemptuous in this situation. Therefore, I will have to hold that no prima facie question of privilege appears to be raised by these remarks at this time.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Hnatyshyn: I should like to ask the government House leader if he would indicate what order of business is intended for today, in view of the statement made yesterday in the House that he intended to have Bill C-22 passed through all stages. Would he advise the House of his intention with respect to the business of the House for the balance of the day?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I varied the order of the business in an effort to develop a more seasonal atmosphere in the House of Commons.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. MacEachen: Therefore, I would like to call the bill on historic sites and monuments, followed by the metric conversion bill, followed by the bill on scientific activities, followed by the bill on satisfied securities.

Mr. Elzinga: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I seek clarification of Your Honour's ruling with regard to questions relating to financial matters which might possibly be related to future budgetary provisions. I refer specifically to questions put by the hon. member for York-Simcoe yesterday and by the leader of the NDP last Friday. These two members were cut short by Your Honour and it was Your Honour's opinion that their questions were basically on budgetary matters. I am sure Your Honour can appreciate the difficulty which hon. members have in asking questions on fiscal matters since almost all questions can ultimately be considered to be on budgetary matters. In my humble opinion, the questions appear to be in order with regard to form and content, and I wonder if clarification could be obtained from Your Honour in regard to this matter.