

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, January 30, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN CANADA AND U.S. ON
CERTIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. Because of the importance of United States federal aviation authorities granting certification to the Challenger jet—our multimillion-dollar, government-owned and sponsored program—if it is to succeed in world markets, and in view of recent reports which I have heard in Washington and elsewhere of the resentment and concern of American aviation authorities and companies arising from the rather bizarre test project insisted upon by the Canadian Ministry of Transport, Walter McLeish, proprietor, which took place on September 28, 1977, in California involving a U.S. commercial aircraft, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That the Minister of Transport clarify on motions at an early date the basis of the present status of existing reciprocal agreements regarding certification of Canadian and American commercial aircraft.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for discussion at this time only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM—STATEMENT OF DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Last night, on "The Nation's Business" television broadcast, the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. MacEachen) seriously misled the Canadian public concerning the business of this House and the important role of the opposition in its deliberations. Therefore, I move, seconded

by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House inform the government House leader—

This is something which he ought to have known in the first place, namely:

—that the bill establishing an employment tax incentive program was passed by this House on Thursday, and that members are waiting impatiently to deal with substantive economic matters rather than the list of insignificant housekeeping legislation the government has placed before us in an effort to hide their completely inadequate legislative program.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the presentation of such a motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NORTHERN AFFAIRS

YUKON—REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I have a motion under Standing Order 43. Whereas the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Faulkner) instructed his commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Art Pearson, not to assent to a bill to amend the inquiries ordinance of the Yukon territory which had passed all three stages in the legislative assembly of the Yukon and which would have enabled inquiries into the conduct of his commissioner, and whereas subsequent to the minister's action such an inquiry was established for the purpose of, *inter alia*, examining the conduct of his commissioner in instructing that a certain charge then pending in the Supreme Court of the Yukon territory be withdrawn, concerning which charge the judge of the Supreme Court had already stated that there appeared to be a *prima facie* case to be met, and whereas the said inquiry was established by the minister's commissioner who altered the terms of reference requested by the elected members of the assembly after first discussing such alterations with Commissioner Stratton appointed by Commissioner Pearson to head the inquiry, and the minister's commissioner having contemptuously—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Nielsen: —described the inquiry now under way in the Yukon as "a crock of bullshit"—