

Oral Questions

IMMIGRATION

NGUYEN TAN DOI—CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING
REINSTATEMENT AS LANDED IMMIGRANT

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact that Nguyen Tan Doi, presently living in Montreal, returned to South Viet Nam from Canada for possibly two and a half years and was elected to the South Vietnamese Congress, apparently re-establishing his domicile in that country, a situation which should have voided his previous Canadian immigrant status, I would like to ask the minister just what the circumstances were surrounding his reinstatement as a landed immigrant to Canada, keeping in mind that he was safe in a camp in Thailand after the fall of Saigon?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member surely realizes that the minister would not be able to answer that kind of question during the remaining minutes of the question period.

An hon. Member: Why not?

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AIR TRANSPORT

DATE OF DECISION ON APPEAL OF CANADIAN ASSOCIATION
OF CONSUMERS AGAINST FARE INCREASES

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I should like to have another run at the Minister of Transport today. Yesterday I asked the minister whether the government would make an announcement before the recess, or before his appointment to the Senate, at least, on the cabinet decision regarding the appeal of the Consumers Association of Canada in connection with the recent air fare hikes, and in particular an explanation of an announcement by the minister who chose to aggravate the cross-subsidization of short-haul routes by western long-haul routes. I ask the minister again to answer the question I put to him yesterday and say when an announcement will be made by the cabinet correcting this situation.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka.

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HOUSING

ALLEGATION AHOP PROGRAM WILL NOT STIMULATE HOUSE
CONSTRUCTION—SUGGESTED INCREASE OF FUNDS
ALLOCATED TO CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs? In response to a question posed by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands on July 14, 1975 and reported at page 7525 of *Hansard*, the minister stated he still had faith in the ability of the private AHOP program to stimulate housing starts during this year, and that he was working closely with private lenders in achieving this end. Since the minister has been working with these, to

[Mr. Marchand (Langelier).]

use his words "enthusiastic lenders", he should also be aware that these lending agencies have no new funds available for this program—

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Darling:—and that these lenders cannot make further funds available just because the federal government has increased the AHOP subsidy as reported in *Hudac's Focus* of July 14, 1975. In view of this fact, is the minister ready to concede that due to the unavailability of mortgage funding, private AHOP will not stimulate house construction this year—

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Darling:—and funds must be rechannelled into alternate programs if this goal is to be met?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker. I am not ready to concede by a long shot.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Darling: In view of the fact that co-op housing appears to be the only bright light in the housing field this year,—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Darling:—and since all indications are that mortgage funding is only marginally available for this type of dwelling, does the minister intend to make any new allocation of funds to this program in order that the demand for co-op housing can be met with adequate mortgage funds?

Mr. Danson: I am amassing all the funds available, strategically, so as to reinforce each area of success, including co-operative and non-profit housing.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Blackburn: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I asked a question of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration and he appeared about to answer. I simply want to ask why Mr. Doi was readmitted with the same landed immigrant status.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Moncton on a point of order.

Mr. Jones: Mr. Speaker, I think I asked a fair, reasonable and non-political question of the Minister of Transport but apparently he did not hear it or understand it, or both. I rose to ask a supplementary so that the minister would understand it. I was desirous of finding out whether the minister, while waiting for a decision on Pickering airport, would divert some of the funds to the Moncton airport to make long needed improvements.

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please. As I understood the minister, he simply said that there was no decision not to use the funds for the Pickering airport and therefore I went on to another question. It is as simple as that.