

Oral Questions

and his colleagues with respect to the matter now that the situation has been changed by the letter of the attorneys general? Will he assure the House that he is considering this to be an urgent matter?

Hon. Francis Fox (Minister of Communications): Yes, Madam Speaker, I expect that my cabinet colleagues will be able to consider the matter in due course.

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AIRPORTS**EXPANSION OF MOUNT HOPE AIRPORT IN HAMILTON, ONT.**

Mr. Stan Hudecki (Hamilton West): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. The citizens of Hamilton and surrounding area are being agitated and disturbed by rumours that the expansion of the Mount Hope Airport is being stalled for some reason and that Nordair may be withdrawing its services. Can the minister inform this House of the current status of the expansion project for the airport in Hamilton and, I hope, allay these fears?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, in the coming days I will be signing a submission to Treasury Board concerning this airport. It will be at the level which has already been announced, that is, at the \$50 million level. The date for the completion of the airport will remain the same, 1985-86. Because of discussion, internally and with the carriers, on space allocation within the airport, the design work has been postponed by about six months, which means that the start of construction will be delayed until next summer, as opposed to this summer, as originally planned. However, I repeat that the completion date will remain the same.

Concerning the subject of Nordair service to Hamilton, there has indeed been a rumour founded on a discussion between the carrier and the Chamber of Commerce in Hamilton. That was only discussion. A review is now being made by Nordair, and I have informed the president of the carrier company that I would like to see him before a decision is made, and I will do so.

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EMERGENCY MEASURES**EMERGENCY PLANNING—P.C. 1981-1305, MAY 21, 1981,
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Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the government House leader. On April 1 the government voted to support my motion for the production of papers with regard to emergency planning order PC-1305. It has now been three weeks, but those papers have not been tabled. I would like to ask the minister, what is the holdup?

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, we are translating the documents, and when they are translated we will be tabling them.

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CONSEQUENCE OF DELAY IN TRANSLATION

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Madam Speaker, if there had been an impending emergency, or if there is an impending emergency, what does the government plan to do if those papers are not translated?

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, we plan to translate and table them as soon as possible.

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FISHERIES**TALKS ON SCALLOP EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Madam Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. It relates to the scallop industry. The proposed United States scallop management plan, expected to take effect next month, uses a meat count of 40 to the pound, with enforcement against the possession of smaller scallops. This could be classed as a non-tariff barrier against Canadian scallops. Since the minister stated in the House on February 4 that conservation measures which would become trade barriers were not acceptable and would be the subject of further discussion, will he tell the House whether these further talks have been held and, if so, what has been the result?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Madam Speaker, there were contacts as late as last week. I do not have in my briefing book the report on this meeting. I suspect the official involved went on to another country for a meeting. I will check and try to give the hon. member an answer tomorrow.

PRODUCTION OF KIRBY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Madam Speaker, the Kirby commission has been studying the fishing industry for some time. Have any recommendations been made by the commission suggesting the type of federal aid which should be provided to the fishing industry, especially the scallop industry and the marketing problem faced by the entire industry, which would help it through this difficult period? If not, when can the House expect the commission to bring in a report?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Madam Speaker, I spoke to Mr. Kirby as late as yesterday. He still hopes to have recommendations before cabinet prior to the summer break.