

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[English]

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary and I direct it to the Minister of National Defence or possibly to the Minister of Supply and Services. Will the Minister of National Defence use his good offices to provide as much work as possible to Fairey Aviation in the next few months so the company can be made more viable and more attractive to possible purchasers?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I believe it has been the practice of the Department of National Defence to give as much work as possible to local enterprises. Of course we intend to continue doing this.

**Mr. Forrestall:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I must bring to the attention of hon. members the fact that the question period expired some minutes ago. I felt that because of the circumstances a few additional supplementary questions should be allowed. I would now suggest to hon. members that the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East might be allowed a further supplementary and that we then move on to Orders of the Day.

**Mr. Forrestall:** Mr. Speaker, I thank you for that indulgence. I direct my question to the Acting Prime Minister. What reply has been made to the telegrams, communications and messages sent to the Prime Minister's office by the Premier of Nova Scotia, the mayor of the city of Dartmouth and the warden of the county regarding this matter.

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, I saw the Premier of Nova Scotia this morning and gave him the answer I gave a few moments ago. That is the type of answer that will be given.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask your indulgence in respect of one short, supplementary question?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest to the House that we have gone four or five minutes beyond the time allocated for questions. This fact points to the validity of the suggestion I made earlier today that hon. members should try to limit supplementary questions because we rapidly run out of time. I noted a number of hon. members who were anxious to ask

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questions today. I have tried to identify them in my mind in order that they may be recognized tomorrow.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate have passed Bill C-140, an Act to amend the Customs Tariff and to make a consequential amendment to the Excise Tax Act, without any amendment;

[Translation]

and a message has also been received to inform the House that the names of hon. Senators Pearson and Quart have been added to the list of Senators sitting on the Joint Library of Parliament Committee.

[English]

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS****CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS, AIR CANADA****PROVISION FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, GUARANTEEING OF SECURITIES**

The House resumed, from Thursday, December 4, consideration of the motion of Mr. Gray (for Mr. Benson) that Bill C-7, to authorize the provision of moneys to meet certain capital expenditures of the Canadian National Railways system and Air Canada for the period from the 1st January, 1969, to the 30th day of June, 1970, and to authorize the guarantee by Her Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railways Company and certain debentures to be issued by Air Canada, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Peters (p. 1578).

**Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West):** Mr. Speaker, last Thursday evening at the time of adjournment I was attempting to illustrate by means of a local anecdote my concern for our national railway system, its equipment, certain facilities and conditions. I was pointing out that its depreciation was due, in part at least, to inadequate financing provisions. Over the past few days there has probably been strong sentiment on the government side that the opposition is being difficult and naughty and is again doing its best to spoil the Christmas holidays. I think all hon. members who