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that while I agree with the rationale behind the name change, coming as he does from the City of Hull, making a point that the national capital region is more than the City of Ottawa, I think he, being the reasonable gentleman he is, would be one of the first to agree that my suggestion is not all unreasonable.

We could go one step further and call one of the two Montreal airports, either Mirabel or Dorval, after another distinguished former Prime Minister, a Quebecer, the late Right Hon. Louis St. Laurent, and we could call one of the two airports in Quebec St. Laurent International Airport. I do not think this is a bad thing. I think it is fitting and appropriate that we should honour our distinguished leaders in this way. They do it in the United States. We have Dulles International Airport in Washington. There is the Kennedy International Airport in New York. There is also the national airport in Washington, D.C. because there are two airports in Washington. However, you could add the Baltimore Washington International Airport, which makes three airports serving the Washington, D.C. area. However, right in Washington there are two airports: Dulles International and the national airport.

I have no strong feelings against this suggested name change. I do have some sense of fairness, but if we are to single out one of the former distinguished Prime Ministers of Canada in the person of the late Right Hon. Lester B. Pearson and call Toronto International Airport Pearson International Airport, then I see no reason why we cannot honour another former Prime Minister who spent so many years of his life in the service of his country in this city in the same way. Why not consider calling Ottawa Airport the Diefenbaker International Airport? As I said, we could also name one of the two Quebec airports after the late Right Hon. Louis St. Laurent.

In any event, the hon. gentleman, for whom I have some regard, the sponsor of this Bill, has left me speechless. I came here fully prepared to argue against the changing of the name of The Ottawa Airport to Ottawa-Hull International Airport. However, this did give me the opportunity to put forward what I consider to be a reasonable and bipartisan suggestion.

**Mr. Douglas Fisher (Mississauga North):** Mr. Speaker, may I commend the Hon. Member for Hull (Mr. Isabelle) for his thoughtfulness in presenting this Bill. I am, of course, the beneficiary of the name change for an airport. The Lester B. Pearson Airport is located in my riding. I might say that I welcome the constructive comments from the Hon. Member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath) who I think a touch tongue in cheek was accepting the name change but then going on to say that we should consider naming the airport after the late Right Hon. John G. Diefenbaker. That suggestion leaves us open to reviving that famous rivalry that dominated Canadian politics for so long and produced so many sparks and so much colour. That is not why I have risen today, although I do want to mention to the Hon. Member that we have Lake Diefenbaker in Saskatchewan. This leads us to a whole new set of naming opportunities if we follow his logic. We could, for example, eventually end up with, I hesitate to use names of current Prime Ministers, the Joe Clark pond, the Pierre Trudeau lake, and some day the Brian Mulroney sea of tears. We

could end up with various great name-change races going on across the country. However, I do not want to get into that as it would be controversial and against the spirit of this Bill.

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I want to take this five-minute opportunity to tell the Parliamentary Secretary that those of us in Mississauga want some action. The Mayor of my city has written to me to say that it is not good enough to change the name from Toronto International to the Lester B. Pearson International Airport. She expects to see—and I agree with her—the proper postal address being used. She is sick and tired of the address being listed as Toronto.

The Hon. Member for Don Valley West (Mr. Bosley) knows full well that Toronto gets all the credit.

**Mr. Bosley:** And all the blame.

**Mr. Fisher:** Mississauga does the work and Toronto always gets the credit. We want to see that ended. We would like to see the Toronto International Airport dead and buried. We are happy with that. We would also like to see its address listed either as Malton or Mississauga in recognition of the hard-working people at that airport. We are waiting with bated breath for the Parliamentary Secretary and his Minister to send out those instructions.

**Mr. McGrath:** Mr. Speaker, would the Hon. Member accept a question?

**Mr. Fisher:** Yes.

**Mr. McGrath:** Is the Hon. Member suggesting that it is all right to name an airport after a former Liberal Prime Minister but that it is not all right to name one after a former Tory Prime Minister? He mentioned the fact that we already have Lake Diefenbaker in Saskatchewan. He must know that we have a very distinguished international college in British Columbia called Lester B. Pearson College. That destroys that part of his argument. He has always been a very fair gentleman. Surely he does not mean to suggest that he would be opposed to naming Ottawa International Airport after the late Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker.

**Mr. Fisher:** It is worthy, Mr. Speaker, at least of a royal commission.

**Mr. John Bosley (Don Valley West):** Mr. Speaker, I thought the instructive comments in the speech of the Hon. Member for Mississauga North (Mr. Fisher) were that it was not the Toronto, Mississauga or travelling public who were the beneficiaries in the name change. He started with a very interesting phrase. He said, "I am the beneficiary of the name change". That is precisely how many people in Toronto are taking the name change, that its purpose was to assist the Hon. Member in his re-election bid.

I rise to speak on the Bill with somewhat the same difficulties that were expressed by my colleague. If one comes from Toronto or Mississauga, as is the case with the previous