

**Mr. Mulroney:** A decision—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order! Order, please.

**Mr. Mulroney:**—was made, Mr. Speaker, to assign Messrs. Roch Bolduc and Paul Tellier, our respective Clerks, to work on these issues. We are expecting to receive a joint recommendation, from Messrs. Tellier and Bolduc in the near future, on a series of projects, including Port Cartier. And I think I can inform my hon. friend that Port Cartier and the North Shore will fare much better in this instance than they did under the Liberal Government.

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#### AIR TRANSPORT

##### PROPOSED DEREGULATION—POSSIBLE EFFECT ON SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West):** Mr. Speaker, my questions are directed to the Minister of Transport. They arise from the events of the last few weeks and the statements which he has made. The Minister has said that he will not allow any deregulation or legislative changes which would denigrate safety, maintenance, and inspection. How does he know how to do that without having conducted a thorough, in-depth study, including the Transport Committee, to define properly, in strong and clear terms, what “fit, willing and able” mean, and what the whole matter of freedom of entry and exit means in the areas of safety, maintenance, and inspection? Is it his intention to do that before he brings in legislation, and when will he be bringing in that legislation?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I think the Hon. Member should know that the position paper presented in July reflected the Government's desire to move toward regulatory reform. We identified a number of areas of concern, which we asked the Standing Committee on Transport to look at and give us recommendations. I have received those recommendations. Certainly they will be taken into consideration during the drafting process. Anything in that report which will enhance safety or economic regulatory reform and produce the best transportation framework for Canada, to meet its unique circumstances, will certainly be taken into account.

##### MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON SAFETY MEASURES

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West):** Mr. Speaker, in his last report the Auditor General indicated that none of the Transport Canada regional offices could inspect all airlines in their jurisdiction even once a year, and the Minister has said that he has beefed up safety measures—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Benjamin:** Will he say—

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you.

#### Oral Questions

**Mr. Benjamin:** Wait for it.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. With respect, a question, please.

**Mr. Benjamin:** Will he say exactly, in some detail, what that beefing up consists of? All I have seen is a campaign poster which reads: “Think security in airports in Canada”. What has he done to beef up inspection procedures and the number of inspectors required to do a decent job?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, with regard to the system-wide operation, there are some 614 inspectors. With regard to the passenger safety side, there has been a 20 per cent increase in the number of people between 1984-85 and 1985-86. That is a clear indication that safety is of paramount importance. Surely the Hon. Member knows that we just passed the Aeronautics Bill, which amounts to the most progressive aviation legislation in the world. Surely he also knows that in many areas of transportation safety the mechanisms are beefed up. There are more mechanisms to enforce the necessary rules and regulations. I hope the Hon. Member will continue to work with us in improving the environment of safety to which I am committed and to which I am sure he is committed.

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#### TRADE

##### ENTRY OF SERVICE TECHNICIANS TO UNITED STATES

**Mr. William C. Winegard (Guelph):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister for International Trade. He will know that manufacturers in my riding and throughout Canada have had trouble in recent months getting after sales service people into the United States. This is still a problem. Could the Minister tell us whether something will finally be done about it?

**Hon. James Kelleher (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, I am happy to advise the Hon. Member that yesterday the United States Court of Appeal set aside the ruling of the lower court until such time as the appeal is heard. Our workers and servicemen will now be able to continue to enter the States to service those contracts without any problems. Also I am happy to advise him that I discussed the problem with Mr. Yeutter during my talks this past Wednesday, with a view to seeking a permanent solution to the problem.