

about its exact content. At that time we were indeed aware that while we would move forward quickly with a draft, a good deal of further work would have to be done on the ideal form of that order. The general purpose of the order was understood between us as enforcing the existing rules in relation to language. We proceeded immediately with a first draft of the order and have now substituted a second for it. As I indicated yesterday, while the second draft is the one that may come into effect, we are looking at further possible changes prior to its effective date.

Mr. Mazankowski: Can the minister confirm that last Thursday when he met Les Gens de L'Air he gave to them an amended version of the air navigation order or did he discuss the revocation order with them? If so, what form of consultation has taken place with Les Gens de L'Air or what form of consultation does he anticipate? In view of the fact the minister is not consulting with the other parties to the agreement, why is he in fact consulting with the Gens de L'Air?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I will talk with almost everyone. What we did at our last meeting was indicate to the Gens de L'Air the latest form of the order. We had indeed superseded the first form with the second prior to that meeting. We therefore indicated what the second was and gave them copies of it. I am pleased to make copies available to others. I am sure the hon. member has one. I am prepared to discuss the further content of that particular order. Indeed, I expressly indicated to the Gens de L'Air that I would be pleased to have their comments on it and that if they saw some specific difficulty, I would be glad to take it into consideration. In particular, there is a special difficulty for the members of the Gens de L'Air if an order like that is used as the basis for disciplinary action within their union because there is less than adequate treatment for the Gens de L'Air within that union at the present time.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ITALIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Mr. Speaker, I should like to offer greetings to a group of officials from the Italian Olympic Committee who are visiting the House of Commons under the guidance of its head of mission, Mr. Mario Pescante.

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OLYMPICS

SUGGESTION TANZANIA AND MAURITIUS REVERSE DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN GAMES

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister.

Does the government intend to urge the governments of Tanzania and Mauritius to reverse their decisions and to take part in the 21th Olympiads?

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Miss Monique Bégin (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, we regret deeply the decision of a number of countries and olympic teams not to participate in the games. There is nothing we can do, however, for Canada has no voice in the policies of the International Olympic Committee. However, we wish indeed that everybody would participate.

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RESEARCH

REQUEST FOR INCREASED FUNDS FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question can be directed to either the Minister of State for Science and Technology or to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the absence of the latter minister, I hope the former one has a favourable answer. In view of the statement of concern that was presented last week to the Minister of State for Science and Technology and the Minister of National Health and Welfare by the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges urging the government to change its stance with regard to medical research funding, may I ask the minister, who is looking at me rather hopefully, whether favourable consideration will be given to this request so that there will not be a deterioration in health research, in health education or in the Canadian health care system?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of State for Science and Technology): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member says I am looking at him hopefully. I was hoping that he was not going to be unreasonable. The hon. member is perhaps aware that following the initial allocation of funds to university research through the Medical Research Council, as a consequence of representations made, the Minister of National Health and Welfare was able to find some \$2 million of additional funds from within the departmental estimates to transfer to this purpose. In the view of the Department of National Health and Welfare, this should suffice to ensure there is no retrogression in medical research. In so far as the future is concerned, I tried my best to convey to the representatives who came to see me the other day that we really would have to wait for next year.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): May I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that the statement of concern presented to the ministers last week was made after that \$2 million adjustment, will the minister at least consider the request of the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges that an attempt be made to establish an adequate base level of research support with a view to maintaining that level in future years?

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, I heartily agree with the representation that we should endeavour to establish, and agree on, a base level, not only with respect to medical research but in a number of other scientific areas. It is in default of agreement on what is an appropriate base level that some of our current difficulties have arisen.