

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

house members, I believe that the matter comes under your own jurisdiction rather than that of the government.

In my opinion, it is not up to the government to have inquiries made about members and their secretaries in order to determine whether they perform enough work in French or in English or in both languages to deserve such a bonus. However, I leave the matter to your discretion, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Asselin:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

It is not a matter of investigating the members or their secretaries. It is a matter of law enforcement. Is the fact that a bilingual secretary may receive a 7 per cent bonus a matter that comes under the jurisdiction of the Speaker? Is the Prime Minister expecting to meet the Speaker and ask him to make a decision as early as possible—

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

[Later:]

**Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister regarding the 7 per cent bonus.

Does he intend to recommend to the Speaker to pay this 7 per cent bonus to bilingual employees?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member knows the rules of the house. It does not rest with the Prime Minister to recommend any action whatever to the Speaker of the house.

Inasmuch as the Chair is responsible for all questions regarding salaries of the employees of the house, hon. members can make direct representations to the Speaker.

**Mr. Ricard:** Mr. Speaker, this is what I am doing now.

**Mr. Speaker:** The rules require that it be done in writing.

[English]

**AIR CANADA**

## POSSIBILITY OF MECHANICS STRIKE

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. Would he refer the question of Canadian Pacific Airlines being temporarily empowered to provide additional service across Canada, and perhaps even in local areas, to the special committee of cabinet which he mentioned a moment ago, should an Air Canada strike take place?

[Mr. Trudeau.]

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, that question has already been referred to the committee.

[Translation]

**AIRPORTS**

## MONTREAL—SPECULATION IN LOCATION OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice.

Is he considering the possibility of ordering an investigation of the alleged speculations on the sites suggested for Montreal international airport in Saint-Jean, Saint-Hyacinthe and Drummondville?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I do not believe this matter comes under my jurisdiction, but I may suggest that the provincial investigation is also concerned with that problem.

[English]

**SPORTS**

## TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—SALE TO U.S. TELEVISION NETWORK

**Mr. Barry Maier (Surrey):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. In view of today's news reports indicating that negotiations are under way respecting the sale of the Toronto Maple Leafs hockey team to an American broadcasting concern would he look into this situation, which may affect an important element of Canadian culture?

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS**

## FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES IN NEW BRUNSWICK AND NEWFOUNDLAND

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister and ask him what steps the government of Canada is taking to deal with the very serious financial crisis facing the provinces of New Brunswick and Newfoundland, and thereby bail out his friends Premiers Robichaud and Smallwood?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The question as asked is not in order.

**Mr. McGrath:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, my question is an urgent one. It is prompted by the budget that was brought down yesterday in the Newfoundland—