

*Oral Questions***AIRPORTS****LACK OF MEDICAL FACILITIES AT TERMINALS—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

Mr. F. A. Philbrook (Halton): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Transport. On September 5 a medical colleague of mine from Oakville, Dr. Terry Riley, attended an Air Canada pilot at the Toronto international airport who had a heart attack, and Dr. Riley found the medical equipment inadequate for such an emergency. I recently had such an experience myself. In addition, apparently there have been 18 such cardiac fatalities in the past year. Would the minister undertake to look into this situation thoroughly and to provide some improvements?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker, indeed. The Ministry of Transport together with the Department of National Health and Welfare have established new and higher standards for facilities and equipment at international airports. Steps are under way to put the equipment in place and to find space in the most convenient locations.

There will of course be complete discussions at all times about exactly what equipment should be available and how much of it at various locations at airports. I will very much welcome expressions of opinion from doctors—some of which we have already received—in assisting us in finalizing a policy position with regard to the nature of the equipment we should have.

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STATUTORY HOLIDAYS**POSSIBILITY OF LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING HERITAGE DAY**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Secretary of State. My question relates to a national heritage day, which was the subject of Bill C-208 of the last session. In view of the fact that we were told that one of the reasons for that bill not being passed during the last session was that the Secretary of State would be bringing in a comprehensive holidays bill, including a national heritage day, is such a bill being drafted, and will it be presented to this House fairly soon?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Will this bill be before the House in time so that this day can be celebrated in February, 1977, in view of the commitments which were made to railway workers and others?

Mr. Roberts: I would like that to be the case, but I cannot promise that it will be the case.

[Mr. Andras.]

COMMUNICATIONS**ALLEGED SNUB OF UNITED STATES BY PROCLAMATION OF BILL C-58**

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Communications. Since a meeting was scheduled for October 6 with United States FCC officials to discuss implications of Bill C-58, why did the minister choose to proclaim the relevant sections just two weeks before the scheduled negotiations? Was it not a deliberate snub on the part of Canadian officials to have Mr. Boyle, chairman of the CRTC, pull out at the last minute?

Hon. Jeanne Sauv  (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, the reason that bill was proclaimed was because the time had come to do so.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mrs. Sauv : I had made the necessary inquiries about whether there would be any available time on Canadian stations. However, the hon. member should know that these meetings with the FCC were designed to discuss things other than Bill C-58. Canadians do not discuss the proclamation or, indeed, the introduction of a bill with their United States counterparts. They legislate for their own needs, and this was not in any way a snub to the Americans.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ALLEGED LACK OF AVAILABLE TIME FOR ADVERTISERS

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock): It is interesting that the minister should state that there is available time on Canadian television for Canadian advertisers. However, on August 12 the Joint Broadcast Committee of the Association of Canadian Advertisers Incorporated and the Institute of Canadian Advertising, the very people Bill C-58 was supposedly designed to help, wrote to the minister and said in part that since timing is of the essence they are prepared to attend such a meeting within the next few days. The minister did not ever acknowledge the letter, let alone meet with those people. Is it not a fact that there is not enough time on Canadian television for this industry and for the clients it represents?

Hon. Jeanne Sauv  (Minister of Communications): I made a full inquiry with regard to available time on Canadian stations. I asked all those interested in the matter to write to me. I did not call a meeting on this subject, but I looked at all the replies I got from all advertisers concerned and from Canadian stations. I was satisfied that there was sufficient time available on Canadian networks, and that is why I decided to proclaim the bill.