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made. I have also discussed this matter with officials of the department, with officials of Canadian Pacific Airlines and with other interested groups. The matter I have in mind concerns the development of the airport at Windsor, an airport which I think should be regarded by the department as one of the top priority airports in Canada, if that is not already the case.

Mr. Balcer: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, this item is entitled "Air transport board, subventions for air carriers". I do not think my hon. friend is talking about subventions for air carriers, and he is not talking about services. I believe he is speaking about airport construction, which subject has nothing to do with this vote.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): On the point of order, Mr. Chairman, I did not rise in a critical manner. However, as the minister knows, I can easily be aroused into becoming a critic. My point is that the minister's point of order should have been taken when the hon. member for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre was speaking. That hon. gentleman was not talking about the development of an airport but about the establishment of something that is non-existent—

Mr. Balcer: He was talking about services and subventions.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): He was talking about services and so am I. This is a vote to provide a grant for the "commission des transports aeriens", the air transport board, and air services. If the facilities of the airport are improved, as I am going to urge and as I have already urged upon the minister, surely that is of direct benefit to the air services that use the port.

The Chairman: Order. On the point of order there is one thing I should like to point out. The details of the item read as follows:

Scheduled air services between Alberta and Saskatchewan—

The hon. member for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre was speaking about air services in that area but I am afraid the hon. member for Essex East is embarking on a discussion of air services in his riding in the province of Ontario. I therefore cannot see at the moment that his remarks are relevant to the item before us.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I appreciate your difficulty, Mr. Chairman, but if you will listen to me for a moment or two Your Honour will see how I can bring this clearly within the item before the committee. It will take only

[Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

a moment. I simply ask the minister to consider the following submission. In view of the fact that Canadian Pacific Airlines operates in western Canada and is covered by this vote, and in view of the fact that C.P.A. proposes to establish a run from Windsor to Mexico on April 14 next, I feel I am in order in asking the minister to give consideration to the request of Canadian Pacific Airlines for the building of a runway that would take care of the jet service which C.P.A. would like to have operate between Windsor and Mexico city. At the present time—

The Chairman: I am afraid—

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Will I not be permitted to continue?

The Chairman: I have allowed the hon. member to introduce his subject but, as I see it, it is entirely irrelevant to the item before us. Much as I would like to allow the hon. member to continue in that vein, if I were to permit him to do so I would have to permit all hon. members to follow that course. I think he will agree that I cannot consider his remarks in order at this time.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I thank you for your ruling, Mr. Chairman. I would not wish to take advantage of your generosity. May I say, however, I think you will agree that I have reminded the minister of something that is of great concern to the people of my constituency.

Mr. Smallwood: Mr. Chairman, I should like to take a few minutes of the committee's time to speak on this item which provides a subsidy of \$300,000 to Pacific Western Airlines travelling between Edmonton, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina. Formerly the air line stopped at the city of Lloydminster. About two years ago this service was discontinued to that centre. Lloydminster is one of the most progressive small cities in western Canada. There is considerable industry in that city, and there are many businessmen there who require that service. For that reason, and inasmuch as we are paying the company an annual subsidy of \$300,000, I feel the company should service the city of Lloydminster. It is important to the businessmen of that community that they have this service available in order that they may reach the larger centres of Edmonton and Saskatoon, at which points they make connections with larger planes travelling east.

I know the chamber of commerce and the mayor have representations on this matter before the board. I simply wish to draw this matter to the attention of the minister at this time. I feel that if we are to pay the subsidy the city of Lloydminster should be