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2. The Hon. H. J. Robichaud and Mr. G. Regan, former member of parliament (see answer to number one) were among those on the inaugural flight.

3. The president of Air Canada or his office did not make available a certain number of seats on said flight to the Minister of Transport. Hon. H. J. Robichaud represented the Minister of Transport on the flight and the Minister of Transport suggested to Air Canada that an invitation be extended to Mr. I. M. MacKeigan as chairman of the Atlantic Development Board and to Mr. G. Regan, since Mr. Regan had been the first and most persistent advocate in parliament of the Halifax-Bermuda Service.

Questions

EXPO '67—FEDERAL COMMITMENT

Question No. 162—Mr. Coates:

1. What is the limit of the amount the federal government can provide in grants to Expo '67?

2. What provision has been made by the federal government with regard to the deficit which will result from Expo '67?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): 1. The act establishing the corporation under section 10 provides as follows:

(1) The corporation shall, as soon as practicable and in any event not later than one year after the coming into force of this act, submit for the approval of the Governor in Council and the Lieutenant Governor in Council its over-all plan for the exhibition, setting forth the various undertakings and projects proposed by the corporation in connection with the planning, organizing, holding and administering of the exhibition, the estimated cost of each such undertaking or project and an estimate of the total capital costs and operating costs of the corporation in respect of the exhibition.

(2) Any material changes in the plan referred to in subsection (1), including estimates of costs therein, shall be submitted by the corporation to the Governor in Council and the Lieutenant Governor in Council for approval.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act and except for the purposes of subsections (1) and (2) the corporation shall not initiate any undertaking or project, expend any money thereon or incur any liability therefor unless that undertaking or project is included in the approved over-all plan for the exhibition or modification thereof.

The same act, under section 11, also provides as follows: "The Minister of Finance, at the request of the corporation, may, out of the consolidated revenue fund, pay to the corporation by way of grant such amounts as are required for the conduct of the business of the corporation but the aggregate of all amounts paid to the corporation under this section shall not exceed twenty million dollars."

The act contains further provisions under which the corporation may borrow funds to meet its corporate needs. Section 12 provides as follows:

"(1) With the approval of the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Finance of Quebec, the corporation may borrow money for the purposes for which it is incorporated, on the security of notes, bonds or debentures of the corporation.