

some point. I am not speaking specifically with respect to the Crown corporation for the post office, but speaking generally right across government. That is the purpose of the omnibus legislation.

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### AIRPORTS

#### TORONTO INTERNATIONAL—DELAYS IN AIRCRAFT CONTROL

**Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. When the move was made by the air traffic controllers at Toronto International Airport on January 10 of this year to the new centre, they were faced with all new equipment. Since then the travelling public has had to put up with interminable delays because of the system put in there. Will the minister indicate that in fact it is not the joint enroute terminal system, but rather the integrated communications control system and the operations information display system that are causing the trouble, particularly the communications system since there is no adequate back-up, controllers are afraid of it and are, therefore, slowing down the operation?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport):** Madam Speaker, the knowledge I have of these events corresponds exactly with the question that has now been raised; it is a combination of both. My hon. friend's question is "right on."

**Mr. Ellis:** Madam Speaker, it may be that I am "right on", but is it not true that in spite of all this fancy radar equipment we do not have an adequate back-up in communications, and is the minister prepared to make some changes to correct that situation?

**Mr. Pepin:** Madam Speaker, I do not know how to answer that question. The JETS system has been the subject of criticism, particularly on the part of the president of CATCA recently. Is that the question my hon. friend is raising? On that one there is a running debate, and the views of CATCA's president are well known. They are contradicted by others, who say that the JETS system is quite acceptable. One of the advantages it has is that it can be improved upon all the time, but I am not too sure about the direction of the answer my hon. friend is looking for. Perhaps we could have a gentleman's conversation later and straighten things out so that his next question on that subject will be clearer in my mind.

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### PRIVILEGE

#### MR. FULTON—STATEMENT MADE BY MR. MUNRO (HAMILTON EAST)

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege which arises from the question period yesterday. I note that the Minister of Indian Affairs and

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Northern Development (Mr. Munro) is not in the House at this point, so perhaps I will ask Your Honour not to rule on this until both the minister and I are again present in the House. However, I will outline my question of privilege very briefly so that Your Honour can be aware of it.

**Madam Speaker:** I have notice of the hon. member's question of privilege. If he wants to delay it until such time as the minister is in the House, I think it would be much easier to deal with. However, if he does not want to delay it, I will hear him now.

**Mr. Fulton:** Madam Speaker, I think it is important enough that I place the question of privilege at least briefly on the record. It arises from a statement made by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development yesterday.

**Mr. Kempling:** Here comes the minister.

**Mr. Fulton:** The statement is recorded at page 6452 of *Hansard*. It was with respect to Amax, and I quote:

—a panel of experts has been set up to look into the matter, notice of which has been communicated to the Nishga tribal chief, Mr. Gosnell.

This is an extremely important issue. I have raised it with the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. LeBlanc) on numerous other occasions in this House.

I have taken the time to check, and in fact no panel has been set up, and no notice has been communicated to Mr. James Gosnell, president and chief of the Nishga Tribal Council. I am sure that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development will be able to clarify this. I think there has been an inadvertent misleading of the House, and I would appreciate its being clarified on the record because what the Nishgas have requested and what has been requested on many occasions in this House, and by many church leaders and groups in this country, is a public inquiry.

The media were seriously misled by the statement yesterday, which is recorded in *Hansard*. I am sure the minister would be prepared to respond to what I am sure was an inadvertent misleading of the House.

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Madam Speaker, I appreciate the hon. member's comments. There was no intention on my part to mislead the House. Before I can clarify this matter, I will have to check into it. I will endeavour to make a clarification on Monday.

Subject to checking, it was my information that the scientific panel was constituted. It may be in the process of being constituted, which is apparently at variance with what was said yesterday. I am prepared to check that. I was under the impression that the nature of the panel, its proposed existence and so forth were communicated to Mr. Gosnell. These are the elements I would like to check, and I will clarify on Monday, if that is satisfactory.