

Chair has recognized the hon. member for Shefford.

[Translation]

### FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

#### AGENDA FOR NEXT CONFERENCE

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Prime Minister a question.

Can he tell us if the drawing up of the next federal-provincial conference agenda will be the responsibility of the chairman only?

[English]

### AIR TRANSPORT

#### POSSIBLE STRIKE OF TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, instead of playing around with this prospective strike, does the government intend, in the event that a settlement is not arrived at, to bring in legislation in order to assure the continuance of Air Canada service while the processes of negotiation are continuing?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I think that is very much a hypothetical question at the moment, with respect. We hope that the negotiations will be successful. If they are not, then the House will be advised in due course of any action the government proposes to take.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, does the government intend to wait until a strike is under way before deciding on the course to be followed?

**Mr. Jamieson:** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, I rise with great diffidence and deference. I would like to know what was wrong with that supplementary question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I understood the minister to have answered the question. The hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** I again rise. I do not do so often.

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

### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, I want to find out how long the people of Canada are going to be played around with by this government in respect of this matter.

**Mr. Speaker:** I will try again. The hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands.

### INFORMATION

#### REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact the two reports of the Task Force on Information have been available for some time and the government has had an opportunity to decide the course it is going to follow, I ask the Prime Minister if he intends to make a statement to the House outlining the government's policy in respect to the information and what administrative machinery it is setting up to carry out that policy?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. It is my intention to make such a statement before Parliament adjourns for the Christmas recess. I still hope to be able to meet that deadline. If I do not, it will be very early in the new year.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the government already set up administrative machinery to carry out a program known as Information Canada?

**Mr. Trudeau:** If the hon. member wants me to make a statement, Mr. Speaker, he should wait until I make a statement to get the information.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** I am not asking the Prime Minister to make a statement. I am asking him to answer a simple question with a yes or no. Has the government now set up the administrative machinery to implement a program known as Information Canada?

**Mr. Trudeau:** I understand the hon. member is not asking me to make a statement on this but I may make one just the same.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I ask the Prime Minister if the sign "Information Canada" on one of the offices of