

### Oral Questions

Insofar as his allegation that the Government of Canada, the Department of Transport, is simply laying off people and putting human lives at risk, that is absolutely false.

**Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West):** Madam Speaker, this government has been warned by the Canadian Air Pilots Association, this government has been warned by the Air Traffic Controllers Association, this government has been warned by the Official Opposition that overworked controllers at understaffed airports put at risk the safety of the air travelling public.

Does the Deputy Prime Minister not realize that the spectacle of an exhausted, overtired air traffic controller anywhere in this country may be the last signal before we witness a disaster at a Canadian airport?

Will the minister now promise to go back to the drawingboard to review the planned cuts at Pearson and the critical shortage of air traffic controllers in this country?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and Minister of Agriculture):** Madam Speaker, the hon. member knows that on previous occasions when this issue was raised in the House, the Minister of Transport did indicate that steps were being taken to deal with this particular issue, including the acceleration of the training of air traffic controllers. Obviously, I will ensure that this matter is brought to the attention of the Minister of Transport, and I am sure he will get back to the hon. member and provide him with detailed answers. I hope that he accepts the answer and reads it.

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### SECURITY INTELLIGENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

**Mr. George S. Rideout (Moncton):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General.

Ron Atkey, a Conservative and former chairman of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, speaking on why this government turned down parliamentary oversight of the CSIS operation and budget said:

The Solicitor General and CSIS tried to slip one past us. The government turned thumbs down on reforms designed to protect the rights of Canadians—

When most advanced nations in the world have parliamentary oversight of its security institutions, why is this minister too frightened to provide similar protection for Canadians?

**Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Solicitor General of Canada):** This minister is not frightened with respect to what the hon. member has just said. I think if the hon. member takes the time to read the comprehensive response to the committee's report, he will perhaps realize that some of the recommendations have been agreed to. The government is going to put in place some measures in order to guarantee what the hon. member is referring to.

The 117 recommendations *per se* have not all been accepted, and the hon. member knows why. He could read the report. I believe that SIRC has served its purpose before and will continue to serve its purpose. Mr. Atkey, who is a former SIRC member, should know what that is all about.

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### WAGE INCREASES

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Madam Speaker, my question is to the President of the Treasury Board.

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Does the minister not believe that the pay raises that the senior executives got the day before the budget was announced were indecent, that it was hypocritical for the very people who are calling for others to lose their jobs to get pay increases above those of all the other government employees?

Does he not believe that those people, whether we call it retroactive or not, who are calling for sacrifices by others should lead the way by taking sacrifices themselves?

**Hon. Gilles Loiselle (President of the Treasury Board and Minister of State (Finance)):** Madam Speaker, I would like to inform the hon. member that the heads of Crown corporations will be treated exactly the same as all other government employees.

He refers to numbers pertaining to last year, calendar year 1990. We are in 1991. What I announced last week was for the coming fiscal year, next April, and for the coming fiscal year the heads of Crown corporations will