

## THE ECONOMY

### CALL FOR INTRODUCTION OF JOB-CREATION MEASURES— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent necessity. Last November the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) forecast the unemployment rate for 1982 as 7.8 per cent. Yesterday he revised it upward to 9.2 per cent. The minister's gross errors in economic forecasting and planning have significantly contributed to an additional 230,000 Canadians being without work. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen):

That the Minister of Finance immediately introduce measures designed to create job opportunities for Canadians so as to redress the impact of his iniquitous November budget which callously added another 200,000 Canadians to the unemployment rolls.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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## ENERGY

### DEMAND THAT UNLEADED GAS PRICES BE POSTED AT SERVICE STATIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody):** Madam Speaker, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) admitted in a letter that the growing spread between the pump prices of leaded and unleaded gasoline could be the result of unleaded gasoline prices never being posted at Canadian gasoline stations. A number of U.S. States, including California and New York, have already forced the posting of all gas prices at each service station in an attempt to remedy a similar situation south of the border. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Beaches (Mr. Young):

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That the government take immediate action to require the posting of unleaded gas prices at service stations across this country in order to bring down the price of unleaded gas and thus protect the consumers of Canada.

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

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

## Oral Questions

### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

## AIRPORTS

### FUTURE OF DORVAL AND MIRABEL

**Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport, on the continuing issue of Dorval and Mirabel. In view of the extreme interest shown by members of all parties, such as the hon. members from Lachine, Châteauguay, Vaudreuil, Annapolis Valley, and so on, I want to ask the minister very seriously how much longer he will equivocate and delay in coming to grips with this festering sore on Canadian aviation, and indeed on international aviation, called Mirabel. When will he make a decision on the relationship between the sound, well-used and satisfactory airport called Dorval and the white elephant many miles—or should I say kilometres—away? How much longer will we have to wait for a decision?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport):** Madam Speaker, I have already said how much I regretted having mentioned a date. I was hoping that public opinion and my colleagues here in this House would have looked at the spirit of what I was doing, not at the letter or the date I was indicating. I hope to present my views on the subject very soon to my colleagues. I do not dare mention a date any more. Then it will go through the discussions of cabinet, and the final result will be announced.

### COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MIRABEL

**Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova):** Madam Speaker, it is a refreshing change to have this minister and indeed this government finally beginning to pay some attention to public opinion. That is an innovation around here. The minister knows that if it were not for some common sense and determination, Canadians would by now have had another monstrosity like Mirabel foisted on them at Pickering. I would like the minister to give me, if he could, some rationale as to how we can cut down the tremendous continuing losses the extent of which, together with the additional construction cost, will probably never be known. Are we going to continue to undermine a profitable airport with the intent of propping up a loser? Can he give some indication of his policy and his thinking in this regard now?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport):** Madam Speaker, both at Mirabel and at Pickering the use of the land is being optimized. The Minister of Communications is making an announcement today, as a matter of fact, on the use of the surplus land at Mirabel. He will indicate what will be sold, and what will be rented, and what will be protected. At Pickering similar action was taken some months ago. We have established a regime for the maximum use of the land in both cases. In Mirabel and at Pickering, sufficient lands are being kept for