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**Mr. Mario Laframboise (Argenteuil—Papineau—Mirabel, BQ):** 

Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Transport can repeat all he wants that air safety is not threatened. However, making airline companies responsible for determining the level of safety is another stop towards a system of self-regulation that eventually will eliminate inspectors.

How can the minister claim that he wants to maintain the required inspection levels when he plans on cutting in half the number of inspectors in a few years?

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**Hon. Lawrence Cannon (Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, CPC):** 

Mr. Speaker, once again, my honourable colleague in leading us down the wrong path.

[English]

I will quote Captain Brian Boucher, senior director of flight operations, Air Canada Pilots Association, who said:

We understand that the rationale for the Bill is to enhance the safety of Canada's aviation system...We deal daily with the operational implications of the Air Regulations. It is not an exaggeration to say that flight safety IS our world.

[Translation]

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**Mr. Mario Laframboise (Argenteuil—Papineau—Mirabel, BQ):** 

Mr. Speaker, if his approach is so perfect, as the minister claims, how is it that a senior public servant of his department, Mr. Preuss, threatened the Canadian Federal Pilots Association with reprisals if it testified before the Standing Committee on Transport? If everything is perfect, as he claims, what is his department afraid of?

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**Hon. Lawrence Cannon (Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, CPC):** 

Mr. Speaker, the committee is free to call whomever it wants to shed light on the matter.

To date, Canada's civil aviation system is the best in the world. It provides the Canadian public with the necessary measures and an additional system, a safety factor, to make all citizen feel safe.

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