

*Motions for Papers***QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN****GRANTS TO AUTHORS BY CENTENNIAL COMMISSION****Question No. 2,087—Mr. Thompson:**

1. What are the names and qualifications of the authors who were awarded grants by the centennial commission?

2. What books have been published, if any, by each of these authors?

Return tabled.

[*Translation*]

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Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Would Your Honour please call motion No. 201? I ask that the remainder be allowed to stand.

[*English*]

GEOGRAPHICAL CO-ORDINATES RESPECTING BASE LINES**Motion No. 201—Mr. Barnett:**

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this house a copy of all notes and other communications exchanged between Canada and the United States of America since the enactment by parliament on July 16, 1964, of the Territorial Sea and Fishing Zones Act having to do with the issuance by the governor in council of one or more lists of geographical co-ordinates of points from which base lines may be determined in accordance with the provisions of the act.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the documents which have been exchanged between the two governments are privileged, of course. It would certainly not be in the interests of the negotiations that are under way now between governments are privileged, or course. If the United States, Canada and other countries if there were a disclosure of these communications asked. Therefore I must ask my hon. friend on that account to either withdraw his motion or to consent to it being put over until the opportunity arises for both of us to discuss the matter.

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I am very glad at least to discover from the minister that there are some documents on the subject matter of this motion. While we may have an argument on the advisability of tabling them at this time I do believe it might be advisable, in view of the circumstances, that we transfer this motion for discussion.

[Mr. Byrne.]

Mr. Martin (Essex East): No, Mr. Speaker, I do not think this is the way to deal with a matter which obviously concerns privileged documents which, as the house has repeatedly said, should not be tabled, particularly when it is pointed out that important negotiations on that subject are under way.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The minister knows that the hon. member has the right of option, and that he has asked that the motion be transferred for debate. This being the case the Chair has no alternative but to order that it be transferred for debate.

Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF UNIFICATION BILL BEFORE SECOND READING**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister asked for co-operation today in dealing with the large menu that he placed before the house. In order to ensure that co-operation, would he give favourable consideration to turning over the armed forces unification bill before second reading to the standing committee on national defence so the necessary evidence can be heard? Much of the discussion which will take place in the house will have been avoided by having the committee sit in this regard.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the quickest and most effective way of doing that is to complete within a day or two debate on second reading, and in fact the long discussion on the subject matter, and then refer the matter to the committee in question.

Mr. Diefenbaker: There was not too much co-operation in that answer.

FINANCE**CABINET COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT—MEMBERSHIP OF TRADE MINISTER**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Prime Minister with reference to the statement he made the day before last regarding the appointment of a committee of the