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Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, I did answer that question. I said it is sent on a continuous basis when it is necessary to do so.

Mr. Cossitt: It was very vague.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Scarborough East.

Mr. Allmand: On that same point, Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member wants specific answers, let him put specific questions to me.

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. May we have order, please. There is a debate between the minister and the member on whether a question is specific and the extent to which it is specific. I do not think we should have debate on that point. The hon. member for Scarborough East.

Mr. Stackhouse: Mr. Speaker, on January 16 I asked a starred question which was specific but I cannot get any answer at all, specific or vague. It is No. 438. The information is well known to the government. There is no reason the government should not answer this question. It has made the appointments and it certainly ought to be willing to inform parliament.

Mr. Coates: Mr. Speaker, a week ago I rose on a question of privilege concerning a number of questions I had on the order paper that had been sitting on the order paper since the beginning of the session on January 4. The parliamentary secretary did attempt to facilitate the matter to some degree, and he answered two or three of them. Question No. 22 asks specifically:

-how many individuals who were defeated candidates in the federal election of October 30, 1972, have become employees of either the Prime Minister or cabinet ministers or how many have assumed a position with the government that is paid for from the federal treasury?

I realize that there may still be one or two defeated candidates who have not been employed by the government, but I would think that at this stage of the game the government could compile the names and provide me with the information. Of course, there may be two or three who are still feeling badly because they have not yet been looked after by the government.

Mr. Sharp: You fellows looked after Perry Ryan, all right.

Mr. Rose: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might inquire about questions Nos. 1,385 and 1,386 standing in my name since March 2. They deal with a very controversial matter in connection with income tax policy as applied to part-time farmers.

Mr. Stanbury: Mr. Speaker, I have asked about those questions and I hope to have the answers next Monday, if possible.

Mr. Rowland: Mr. Speaker, may I draw the parliamentary secretary's attention to question No. 276 standing in my name since January 12. It asks in effect whether there will be a reduction in the staff of Air Canada's finance [Mr. Cossitt.] department located in Winnipeg. While the answer may cause some embarrassment to the government, it should be fairly simple to reply to the question.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, notice of motion for the production of papers No. 41 is acceptable to the government subject to the usual reservations concerning confidential documents and to the authorization of the government authorities concerned.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the reservations and conditions mentioned by the parliamentary secretary, does the House agree that notice of motion No. 41 be deemed to have been adopted?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[English]

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND QUEBEC INVOLVING FAMILY INCOME SECURITY PROGRAM

Motion No. 41-Mr. Marshall:

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence, telegrams, memoranda, and other documents between the Government of Canada and the Province of Quebec involving the Family Income Security Program (Bill C-170, 4th Session, 28th Parliament).

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Reid: Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call notice of motion No. 159.

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CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO LIP No. M-1101 BY PEACE IN THIS HOUSE INC.

Motion No. 159-Mr. Rowland:

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all documents, correspondence and memoranda related to the consideration of LIP No. M-1101 "OMNIBUS", submitted by Peace in this House Inc.

Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the papers requested are internal departmental memoranda and reflect on the personal competence or character of an individual. As such they are confidential and not of a public or official character. In view of this I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Rowland: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, standing in my name since February 26 are notices of motions for the production of papers Nos. 161 to 185 inclusive asking for a copy of the time schedule established for individual pulp and paper