

Motions for Papers

for equipment acquisition products, mentioned in answer to Question Number 1,323 of the 1st Session of this Parliament.

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, the report referred to in this motion was originally commissioned by the former Department of Defence Production. It was a working document for internal use and as such it is considered confidential and not in the public interest to table. In the circumstances I hope that the hon. member will be willing to withdraw the motion.

Mr. Skoberg: It appears to me that Members of Parliament should be aware of this type of privileged material, and I call for the vote.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

CONSULTANT REPORT, EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION PRODUCTS

Motion No. 67—**Mr. Skoberg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the consultant report by Peat, Marwick, Livingstone and Company, Boston, USA, undertaken for the Department of Defence Production on the development of an effective management system for equipment acquisition products, mentioned in answer to Question Number 1,323 of the 1st session of this Parliament.

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, the answer is the same as the one just given in reply to motion for production of papers No. 66, and I therefore again ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Skoberg: My response is the same, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

CONSULTANT REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING SYSTEM

Motion No. 68—**Mr. Skoberg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the consultant report by Peat, Marwick, Livingstone and Company, Boston, USA, undertaken for the Department of Defence Production on the development of departmental planning, programming and budgeting system, as mentioned in answer to Question Number 1,323 of the 1st session of this Parliament.

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): The answer is the same and the same request is made.

Mr. Skoberg: Surely we should know what the departmental planning is all about, and I would like to call for the vote.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate. Shall the remaining notices of motions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Mr. Skoberg.]

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

NATIONAL SECURITY

VIEWS EXPRESSED ON QUEBEC CRISIS IN BOOK BY SECRETARY OF STATE—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the right hon. Prime Minister whether the views expressed by the Secretary of State in a book concerning the crisis in Quebec last October represent the views of the government?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I understand that on the first page of the book the Secretary of State makes it clear that the views expressed are his own and not those of the government.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: When did he resign?

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I ask the Prime Minister specifically whether the view expressed in the book that the government of Canada was not worried about a popular insurrection in Quebec at that time represents the view of the government?

Mr. Trudeau: I do not know what the hon. member is quoting from. I have no knowledge that that is in the book, not having read the book, but I will look at any reference that the hon. member gives me and then I will be able to tell him whether or not it is the government policy.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the fact that ministers seem to be quite free within the government to give their own views I should like to ask the minister whether he intends to publish his views on the crisis?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I always believe in going to the horse's mouth.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Diefenbaker: The minister better not take that too far or I will refer to him in another sense. I ask the Secretary of State whether or not the view he expresses in this booklet or book, as the case may be, that the government had no fear of insurrection last October was the view he held then or is it the result of thought since the occasion?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The minister may wish to reply but certainly I think this question is not in order. The right hon. gentleman refers to a book published by a member of the cabinet and asks whether views expressed in the book were held by the minister some months ago. I do not think a question asked in those terms is quite acceptable.