

government. Ms. Jeannine LeBranch, payroll accountant for the city of Brockville, wrote to the Brockville CEC on June 13, commending the CEC on its co-operation.

[English]

Madam Speaker: The questions as enumerated by the hon. parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Ron Irwin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development): Madam Speaker, notice of motion for the production of papers No. 13 is acceptable to the government.

Madam Speaker: Number 13 is adopted.

VIA RAIL PASSENGER TARIFFS

Motion No. 13—**Mr. Benjamin:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence that the Minister of Transport and the Director General, Railway Transportation, Transport Canada had with Via Rail Canada, the Canadian Motor Coach Association and the Canadian Transport Commission regarding Via Rail passenger tariffs.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Irwin: Madam Speaker, would you be so kind as to call notice of motion for the production of papers No. 14?

VIA RAIL—RESTRUCTURING THE PASSENGER SYSTEM

Motion No. 14—**Mr. Benjamin:**

That an order of the House do issue for copies of the documents prepared by the Department of Transport on (a) Via Rail's experience to date (b) some thoughts on restructuring the passenger system (c) the proposed Via Rail Canada Act.

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, I have the answer to Motion No. 14 submitted by the hon. member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin).

(a) and (b) Transport Canada does not have the documents as referred to in MPP No. 14. A document is in preparation, however, which generally addresses the subjects described above, amongst others.

This document has been through a number of drafts, some of which the member may have seen. Once the document has been approved by cabinet, it is intended to release this information to the public.

(c) A Via Rail Canada Act has never been drafted nor have drafting instructions ever been developed. I therefore ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

The Constitution

Hon. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Madam Speaker, I believe that I can say on behalf of the hon. member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin) that he will agree to the motion being withdrawn, subject to his right to obtain the document to which the parliamentary secretary has referred, when it has been produced.

Mr. Bockstael: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Agreed.

Motion withdrawn.

Mr. Irwin: Madam Speaker, I ask that the remaining notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Madam Speaker: Stand.

● (1540)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

THE CONSTITUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS

The House resumed consideration from Tuesday, October 7, 1980, of the motion of the Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development (Mr. Chrétien):

That a Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons be appointed to consider and report upon the document entitled "Proposed Resolution for a Joint Address to Her Majesty the Queen respecting the Constitution of Canada" published by the government on October 2, 1980, and to recommend in their report whether or not such an address, with such amendments as the committee considers necessary, should be presented by both Houses of Parliament to Her Majesty the Queen;

That 15 members of the House of Commons to be designated no later than three sitting days after the adoption of this motion be members on the part of this House of the Special Joint Committee;

That the committee have power to appoint from among its members such subcommittees as may be deemed advisable and necessary and to delegate to such subcommittees all or any of their powers except the power to report directly to the House;

That the committee have power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House of Commons;

That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the committee;

That the committee submit their report no later than December 9, 1980;

That the quorum of the committee be 12 members, whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is taken, so long as both Houses are represented and that the joint chairmen be authorized to hold meetings, to receive evidence and authorize the printing thereof, when six members are present so long as both Houses are represented; and

That a message be sent to the Senate requesting that House to unite with this House for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems it to be advisable, members to act on the proposed Special Joint Committee.

Mr. Roger Simmons (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of the