

Motions for Papers

authorization from government authorities concerned.

Would Your Honour be good enough to call notice of motion No. 11?

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining notices of motion be allowed to stand.

[English]

BILINGUAL HIGH SCHOOLS, NATIONAL
CAPITAL REGION

Motion No. 14—Mr. Nielsen:

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of all letters, telegrams, briefs or other documents exchanged since the 1st day of January, 1966, between the Prime Minister of Canada or any Minister or official of the Government of Canada and the Premier of Ontario or any Minister or official of the Government of Ontario, and between the Prime Minister of Canada or any Minister or official of the Government of Canada and the Premier of Quebec or any Minister or official of the Government of Quebec, on the subject of the establishment of bilingual high schools in the National Capital Region.

Motion agreed to.

ASSISTANCE TO MAPLE PRODUCTS'
PRODUCERS

Motion No. 11—Mr. Fortin:

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence, telegrams and other documents exchanged between the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development of Canada and the Minister of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec since January 1, 1965, relating to the request for assistance to the producers of maple sugar and syrup.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, it is my information that there is no correspondence in respect of this motion. I wonder, therefore, whether it might be appropriate for the hon. member to agree to having the motion withdrawn.

[Translation]

Mr. André Fortin (Loxbinière): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to answer yes to the President of the Privy Council, provided there are no papers on the matter.

(Order discharged and motion withdrawn.)

[English]

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

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to rise on a matter of privilege in respect of notice of motion No. 24 in my

name. It deals with a report in respect of fish and game laws as they relate to native Indian people. I have been asked to attempt to obtain this document in light of the current consultations which are taking place with the native Indian peoples. They desire to have as much information in their hands as possible in order that they may fully and thoroughly discuss the various aspects of the laws relating to them. It seems to me that the longer the answer is delayed the more disadvantageous the position will be in which the native people will find themselves in dealing properly with the subject matter of the motion.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I take note of the hon. member's representations and I hope to be able to give him an answer next week.

[English]

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to rise on a matter of personal privilege. Last Thursday I asked the Minister of Transport about the production of papers referred to in notice of motion No. 12 which was placed on the order paper on September 24. This has reference to the Roberts Bank rail controversy. The minister replied at that time that this material would be available soon. Since this is the earliest available time I should like to ask the minister the reason for the delay in producing this information in relation to this urgent matter. I mention this because I feel my privilege as a member and the privilege of those people I represent are being disregarded by a continued reluctance on the part of the minister to provide this house with this factual information.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): There are a number of reasons, Mr. Speaker, including the fact that there are many agencies involved which have to be consulted. I can assure my hon. friend that I believe this will be dealt with next Wednesday.

PUBLIC SERVICE

REQUEST OF PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he has acceded to