

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS PENSION  
TRUST FUNDS, 1935 TO 1968

Motion No. 89—**Mr. Skoberg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the financial statements filed by the Canadian National Railways in respect to the Canadian National Railways Pension Trust Funds for the years 1935 to 1968 inclusive.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I move this motion on behalf of the hon. member.

**Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, the government is prepared to file the required documents for the years 1967, 1968 and 1969 inclusive. Prior to the Pensions Benefits Standard Act, as passed on October 1, 1967, there was no requirement for filing such documents. The government is prepared to table the aforementioned documents subject to the conditions stated.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** That will be agreeable.

**Mr. Speaker:** Subject to the reservations and conditions expressed by the Parliamentary Secretary, is it the pleasure of the House that Notice of Motion No. 89 be deemed to have been adopted.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

CORRESPONDENCE DEALING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS  
AND CIVIL LIBERTIES

Motion No. 101—**Mr. Rowland:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence between the Government of Canada and provincial governments commencing June 25, 1968 (a) dealing with the subject of the endorsement of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (b) seeking co-ordination in the field of Human Rights and Civil Liberties.

[Translation]

**Mr. André Ouellet (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Monsieur l'Orateur, as regards paragraph (a) of the notice of motion, there was no correspondence with the provincial governments in this matter.

As regards paragraph (b), it is not customary to table correspondence between the federal government and the provincial governments, as is the case at the present time in the field of the bill of rights and civil liberties. I would therefore ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

[English]

**Mr. Rowland:** In that case, Mr. Speaker, I have very little choice, but I think it reprehensible that there has not been correspondence dealing at least with (a).

**Mr. Speaker:** Dropped.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

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*Inquiries of the Ministry*

FEASIBILITY STUDY RELATING TO CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN UNITY ROAD IN NIGER

Motion No. 102—**Mr. Rowland:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the feasibility study related to Canadian participation in the Unity Road in Niger.

[Translation]

**Mr. André Ouellet (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the consultants' study concerning Unity Road is a privileged document drafted to help the Canadian government in its development aid negotiations with the government of the Republic of Niger. Making this study public would destroy the confidence between the two governments.

Therefore, I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

[English]

**Mr. Rowland:** Agreed.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the remaining Notices of Motions stand?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

INFLATION—ABANDONMENT OF WAGES AND INCOMES  
GUIDELINE POLICY—NEW INCOMES POLICY

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Finance whether the government accepts the recommendation of the Prices and Incomes Commission against a guideline policy for the year 1971 and, if so, is this decision based upon the government's view that such a policy is unworkable or, on the other hand, because it is unnecessary?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, as one has seen in the press, the Prices and Incomes Commission came to the conclusion yesterday that it would not be possible to have industry agree to guidelines with labour not agreeing to guidelines on the other side. In the specific position they were in the commission decided they would carry on with the method of investigating particular price increases and particular wage increases and report to the government and the government would, of course, make these available to the public for their information, or the government's opinion would be made known to the public.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, now that the Prices and Incomes Commission has adopted the position of a study group, may I ask the Minister of Finance whether the government proposes through any other medium to establish an incomes policy through consultation involving the government, business and labour, or are we left