Motions for Papers

USE OF AIRCRAFT BY HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTER

Question No. 518-Mr. Coates:

1. On how many occasions has the Minister of National Health and Welfare had the use of a Department of Transport aircraft or a private aircraft at the government's expense since he was appointed to the cabinet?

2. On what dates did the Minister of National Health and Welfare have the use of an aircraft at the government's expense, what was the destination of his flight on each occasion, and for what period of time was the plane available on each occasion?

3. What are the names of all the passengers who joined the minister on each of the aforementioned flights and what was the purpose of the flight in each instance?

He said: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could get an explanation from the parliamentary secretary to the Secretary of State as to why he has announced that questions Nos. 516, 517 and 518, standing in my name, are to be made orders for returns. I would like to know why and when this information will be made available. I do not quite understand why they are being made orders for returns.

Mr. Speaker: Well, it is a decision of the house which has been rendered already; therefore I do not think the hon. member can ask for an explanation at this time.

Mr. Coates: There was no question of unanimous consent that they be made orders for returns.

[Translation]

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Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, notices of motions for the production of papers Nos. 108 and 112 are acceptable to the government, subject to the usual reservations regarding classified documents and subject to the approval of the provincial authorities concerned. Would Your Honour call notices of motions Nos. 106, 107, 109, 110 and 111? I ask that the remaining notices of motions be Motion No. 107-Mr. Douglas: allowed to stand.

[English]

NEW BRUNSWICK-RE-ROUTING OF TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

Motion No. 106-Mr. Flemming:

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 memoranda of telephone conversations or verbal interviews between the Minister of Public Works of the Government of Canada, or any official of said department, and the Premier of New Brunswick, or the Minister of Public Works of the Province of New Brunswick, or any official of the Government of New Brunswick or any other person, concerning the change in routing of the Trans-Canada Highway between the highway bridge situated approximately 1 mile north of Hartland in the county of Carleton and Andover in the county of Victoria, since April 22, 1963.

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, it will be noticed that this motion asks for a copy of all correspondence, telegrams and memoranda of telephone conversations or verbal interviews between the Minister of Public Works of the government of Canada, or any official of said department, and the premier of New Brunswick, or the Minister of Public Works of the province of New Brunswick, or any official of the government of New Brunswick, or any other person. The expression "any other person" if it is taken to include memoranda of conversations between departmental officials and other persons within the federal department, or exchanges between the minister, deputy minister and officials, or between ministers within the federal government, there would be objection to that; but if that phrase merely is meant to include memoranda of telephone conversations or interviews between federal officials and officials of New Brunswick, there is no objection. Subject to that reservation I am quite agreeable to the order passing.

Hon. Hugh John Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): That is quite satisfactory, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the reservations and conditions expressed by the Minister of Public Works is it the pleasure of the house that notice of the motion No. 106 be adopted?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

AMENDMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS ACT

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 and other documents between the government of Canada and the government of Saskatchewan regarding any request from the government of Saskatchewan that the Disabled Persons Act be amended to (a) increase the benefits, and (b) alter the federal regulations with a view to increasing eligibility.

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, this motion No. 107 is acceptable subject to the usual