

4. Did any complaints involve pre-notification to the Board in advance of the price increase and, if so, how many?

Return tabled.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call notices of motions for the production of papers Nos. 1, 15 and 23?

[Text]

COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO CANADA'S CLAIM AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE

Motion No. 1—Mr. Marshall:

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence, minutes of meetings, letters and telegrams relating to Canada's \$11 million claim against the Government of France as a result of the opting out by France of the NATO military alliance and the eviction of participating units in 1966.

Mr. Paproski: Stand.

COPIES OF ALL REPORTS OR REVIEWS RELATING TO NATIONAL FOOD POLICY

Motion No. 15—Mr. Nystrom:

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of any reports or reviews with respect to a national food policy prepared by or under the direction of the group known as the DMs Ten.

Mr. Broadbent: Stand.

COPIES OF ALL TASK FORCE REPORTS, REVIEWS OR STUDIES WITH RESPECT TO LEG HOLD TRAPS

Motion No. 23—Mr. Whiteway:

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of any task force reports, reviews or studies with respect to the use of leg hold traps.

Mr. Paproski: Stand.

[English]

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Restraint of Government Expenditures

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES RESTRAINT ACT

AMENDMENT TO REMOVE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS RESPECTING TRAINING ALLOWANCE RATES

The House resumed, from Monday, November 8, consideration of the motion of Mr. Andras that Bill C-19, to amend or repeal certain statutes to enable restraint of government expenditures, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, I have a few comments I would like to make about this bill—

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): With no restraint.

Mr. Stanfield:—with not too much restraint and a good deal of emphasis. I am particularly interested in clause 15 which, among other things, relates to the movement of grain and flour into the Atlantic ports. I hope anything I say will not be taken personally. This clause of the bill concerns the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang) in particular. I assure him I do not rise today to attack him. I think he is doing a sufficient job himself without any assistance from me.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Stanfield: The bill in general is substantially an exercise in public relations. It is not that it does not affect anything. The clause I am discussing clearly has some very detrimental effects. For example, it has a substantial impact with regard to eliminating for the time being the indexing of family allowances. The point of the exercise, as I see it, is to try and pick out a few things that people will feel in order to try to persuade the Canadian public that the government is making a real effort to exercise restraint and control its expenditures.

I wish to say just a word about eliminating for the time being the indexing of family allowances. I can understand why that move by the government is so annoying to many members of this House. During the election campaign the government made a real point with regard to indexing family allowances. It now turns around a year or so later in an effort to convince the general public that it is trying to save money, and suspends the indexing. It will, of course, restore the indexing before it has to face the public again. In other words, insincerity runs throughout the whole of the bill.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Stanfield: The bill is insincere. It is designed to persuade the general public that this is only the tip of the iceberg, and simply indicates the kind of savings efforts the government is making. The fact that it is by and large a public relations effort does not mean that particular parts of the bill are not harmful or damaging. I refer in particular to clause 15 which relates to the Railway Act and which the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Goodale)