

Regina East (c) the names of all those who applied for work in taking the census but who were not engaged.

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, parts (a) and (b) are acceptable; however, with respect to part (c), Statistics Canada is applying the same rule as in section 25 of the Public Service Employment Regulations. Section 25 prevents such disclosure without consent of the individual concerned. The Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Pepin) feels that it would not be in anyone's best interest to secure such consent and to publish these names. If this is agreeable to the hon. member we would table the requirement in parts (a) and (b).

Mr. Burton: Mr. Speaker, I will agree to the proposal as it is now subject to my right to resubmit a motion dealing with section (c).

Motion agreed to.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM

Motion No. 256—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence between Ministers of the Crown and the Secretary of State relative to the approval of specific projects of the Opportunities for Youth Program.

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, it is considered that such correspondence is of a confidential nature and that it would not be in the public interest to disclose it. I would request, therefore, that the hon. member be kind enough to withdraw his motion.

[English]

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I find this an unusual request inasmuch as cabinet ministers are being given preferential treatment relative to other members of the House. It is a well known fact that members were asked to communicate with the minister in respect of this program. Therefore I would ask for an immediate vote.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

• (3:40 p.m.)

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

FORTHCOMING MEETING OF PRIME MINISTER AND U.S. PRESIDENT—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON AGENDA

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister about his trip to Washington on Monday. In view of the statements from the President's office in Washington that the meeting with our Prime Minister is being held as part of the President's plan to meet with allied leaders prior to his visits to China and the USSR, can the Prime Minister tell

us what is the principal purpose of his visit to Washington and what topics are on the agenda.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): On the agenda, Mr. Speaker, I am afraid I cannot enlighten the House yet. There has been no final agenda agreed to. The indication I have is that the President would prefer a very wide ranging discussion on very general matters, international and bilateral. For my part, I do intend discussing with the President some of these international matters but equally matters of concern to us as a result of Mr. Nixon's measure of last August.

FORTHCOMING MEETING OF PRIME MINISTER AND U.S. PRESIDENT—POSSIBLE BREAKTHROUGH IN SOLVING PROBLEMS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of some of the statements from the Prime Minister's office, I should like to ask the Prime Minister what kind of "major breakthrough" he was referring to when he spoke to the press I think on Monday last? What kind of "major breakthrough" was the right hon. gentleman hoping for?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I am rather certain I did not talk of a major breakthrough. What I did indicate was that discussions had been going on at the official and ministerial level for weeks and months, particularly since the August measures by the United States, and that we felt there were a certain number of questions which might be brought to a head at the meetings in Washington next Monday between the president and myself.

FORTHCOMING MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND U.S. PRESIDENT—DISCUSSIONS OF AUTO PACT AND ARMS PRODUCTION SHARING

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield: I think the Prime Minister has indicated that he hopes to discuss the economic initiatives taken by the president in August, that is the surcharge. May I ask the Prime Minister whether he also intends to discuss with the president the auto pact and the arrangements we have between the two countries regarding production of armaments.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau: It is possible that these questions will be discussed. I am waiting to learn from officials whether they are at the stage, as I think they are, at which we might be able to reach some conclusions. If further discussions are needed between officials, I will not try to take any final position in Washington.

FORTHCOMING MEETING OF PRIME MINISTER AND U.S. PRESIDENT—ALLEGED AGREEMENT TO REMOVE AUTO PACT SAFEGUARDS—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. David Lewis (York South): I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether reports that some agreement at the official level with regard to Canada's abandoning of certain safeguards in the auto pact are correct, and whether the Prime Minister intends to inform the House before he goes to meet the president of the United States