

Filing of Patents Applications

I have been advised that the problem has been settled and that we can now resume our debate.

[English]

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONSCONCURRENCE IN SECOND REPORT
OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. H.-Pit Lessard (LaSalle) moved that the second report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications presented to the House on Thursday, December 11, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

PATENTSANNOUNCEMENT OF AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE
PROTECTION BY FILING OF INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATION

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I should like to inform the House that on June 19 Canada signed a Patent Co-operation Treaty at the conclusion of a diplomatic conference held in Washington, D.C., in which 77 countries participated. The purpose of the treaty is to simplify the filing of patent applications on the same invention in a number of different countries. Currently, when inventors and businessmen attempt to obtain protection on the results of their research, they must apply in all the countries where they want patent protection. Under the new treaty, an applicant would be able to file an international application in the patent office of his own country, and the applicant would indicate the countries in which he desired protection.

The treaty is subject to ratification, and it may be some time before enough countries have ratified to bring it into force. We hope it may provide savings to Canadian investors and businessmen and relieve some of the examining burden on the Canadian Patent Office.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Since no member of the Official Opposition received a copy of the statement just made by the minister, we shall not make any comment on it.

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): I think we in the New Democratic Party should say the same.

[Mr. Speaker.]

MANPOWERTABLING OF REPORT ON ADULT
TRAINING PROGRAM

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table copies in both official languages of the report on the training of adults participating in the manpower training program under the Occupational Training Act.

SOCIAL SECURITYREQUEST FOR TABLING OF WHITE PAPER—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO
MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask leave of the House to present a motion under Standing Order 43. The requirement under that Standing Order is that there must be pressing necessity. Now that we have the white paper on unemployment insurance, and now that we have the report of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, it is my view that the picture in this general field should be made complete, and without further delay the House ought to have the government's proposed white paper on social policy.

I therefore ask the leave of the House, seconded by my hon. friend for Vancouver-Kingsway, to move:

That this House requests the government to table, before the end of this week, its white paper on social policy.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion suggested by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre. Before it can be put to the House, unanimous consent is required. Is there such unanimous consent?

There is not. The motion cannot be put.

[Translation]

Mr. Pierre De Bané (Matane): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member rising on motions?

Mr. De Bané: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a motion under Standing Order 26—

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will get a chance to propose his motion later on. I will recognize him in due time.