

Motions for Papers

a form suitable for tabling. However, the government will be receiving the final report over the next few weeks, and a decision will be made as to whether or not publication is in the public interest after there has been an opportunity to give the entire report careful study.

For these reasons I ask that the motion be withdrawn.

Mr. Mather: I withdraw the motion, Mr. Speaker.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

INFORMATION TASK FORCE CONSULTANT STUDIES

Motion No. 183—**Mr. Mather:**

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all consultant studies, questionnaire surveys and other background reports prepared for the Government Task Force on Information.

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the reports and papers asked for in motion No. 182 were prepared on a confidential basis. Therefore I ask that this motion be withdrawn.

Mr. Mather: Mr. Speaker, if I am in order, may I ask that the matter be transferred for debate?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is in order and the item is transferred for debate pursuant to Standing Order 48.

Transferred for debate under Standing Order 48.

CONTRACTOR BIDS ON COMMUNICATION SATELLITE

Motion No. 219—**Mr. Gilbert:**

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of the contractor bids on the communication satellite by RCA Victor Limited and Northern Electric Co. Limited.

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Minister of Communications and Postmaster General): The two companies referred to in this motion, R.C.A. Limited and Northern Electric Company Limited, have not been requested to submit contractor bids on the communication satellite as procurement contracts have not yet been awarded. I informed the House of Commons on June 13, 1969 that officials in the Department of Communications were on that date instructed to open negotiations with these two companies on the procurement contract for Canada's domestic communication satellite. Under the circumstances I ask the hon. member to withdraw the motion.

[Mr. Walker.]

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Speaker, I ask that it be transferred for debate.

Transferred for debate under Standing Order 48.

LAUNCHING OF CANADIAN SATELLITE

Motion No. 220—**Mr. Gilbert:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the principles agreed to by Canada and the United States regarding the launching of a Canadian satellite.

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Minister of Communications and Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, the text of the public statement agreed to by Canada and the United States which sets out the details of an agreement in principle regarding the launching of a Canadian satellite was quoted in the house on June 13, 1969 (page 10016 of *Hansard* of June 13, 1969). Under the circumstances I ask the hon. member to withdraw the motion.

Mr. Gilbert: I withdraw the motion, Mr. Speaker.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ESTABLISHING OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE—PARTICIPATION BY OTHER COUNTRIES

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the proposed international development centre has been established by the government.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Stanfield: Is it expected that this centre will be established shortly? Has the Prime Minister any information he can give us with regard to progress in this direction?

Mr. Trudeau: No, Mr. Speaker. I cannot give the house any date on which it may be. I can say what has been said earlier by the Secretary of State for External Affairs—that projects have been prepared and are now being examined by the government.

Mr. Stanfield: I would have asked the Secretary of State for External Affairs about this if I had any idea when he would return. Is it contemplated that other countries will