

Power Commission to be appointed to recommendation of the Commissioners in Council from each territory.

2. Not applicable.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

TRIPS MADE BY MR. PAUL GÉRIN-LAJOIE, PRESIDENT OF CIDA

Question No. 1,295—Mr. Cossitt:

Since his appointment as President of the Canadian International Development Agency, how many trips outside of Canada have been made by Mr. Paul Gérin-Lajoie (a) where did he travel to in each case and for what purpose (b) what are the names of all those accompanying him on each trip along with their job designation and the purpose of their being present?

Return tabled.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SALE OF CANDU REACTORS TO SOUTH KOREA AND ARGENTINA

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the pending negotiations for the sale of CANDU reactors to South Korea and Argentina, which may lead to the proliferation of nuclear weapons and eventual nuclear war, in order that this House may make it clear that in its opinion such sales carry a great risk of adding to the existing dangers of the nuclear age.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the terms of the Standing Order, the hon. member was good enough to give the Chair notice. There is no doubt, of course, that the hon. member raises a subject which is not only important but has attached to it a certain urgency in view of the fact, as the motion suggests, that negotiations are under way and, therefore, agreements may be reached which ought to be the subject of comment.

It is suggested by the hon. member, as part of his proposed motion, that no other reasonable opportunity will present itself to the House to address itself to the subject, make comments and perhaps influence the outcome of such negotiations. However, it does not seem possible for the Chair to resist recognition of the fact that this subject has been raised several times during the course of this session. It was first raised several weeks ago. From a cursory examination of the index of *Hansard*, one will realize immediately that with respect to nuclear materials vis-à-vis Argentina there are no fewer than half a dozen references, and on a similar topic in respect of South Korea, probably eight or nine *Hansard* references to occasions during the past three or four weeks when ques-

Excise Tax Act

tions or notices of motions pursuant to standing Order 43 have been raised.

I do not recall them specifically, and I do not have the references in front of me, but I recall on at least one occasion either the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) or the Acting Prime Minister of the day responded to the question by saying that at that point in the session there were several allotted days remaining, and if the opposition would make use of any of those days the government would co-operate by bringing forward the necessary ministers and documents to make it a meaningful debate. Questions posed today extensively dealt with this matter. Finally, documents were tabled only a few seconds ago by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacEachen) on matters bearing on this subject.

This seems to imply the following: first, it is a matter of continuing concern, as opposed to something which is a crisis at this moment in time, and therefore ought not to be the subject of debate pursuant to Standing Order 26; second, several occasions have presented themselves in the past three or four weeks and those occasions were exhausted by other most worth-while subjects. It is, therefore, improper to say now that no time remains and the House ought to interrupt its business for this special debate. Therefore, I propose to decline the suggestion that this ought to be the subject of a special debate.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

EXCISE TAX ACT

The House resumed, from Wednesday, July 9, consideration of the motion of Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton) that Bill C-66, to amend the Excise Tax Act, be read the second time and referred to committee of the whole; and the amendment thereto of Mr. Stanfield (p. 7416).

Mr. Speaker: On an earlier day when this matter was under consideration, the hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert) raised a point of order concerning the relationship between the resolution and the bill. At that time, in responding to the initial point of order, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) indicated he would reserve the right to comment further at a later date. In the interim, the hon. member for Edmonton West indicated to the Chair—and, I presume, to the Minister of Finance—that he proposed to make further argument at this time. Perhaps we could pursue the matter and have the decision later this day.

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, I will be as brief as possible. Notwithstanding the fact that my leader has moved an amendment to the motion for second reading, that does not mean the bill is in order. We have been carrying on merely to preserve time and to allow you to consider the point of order during the debate.

I am prepared to concede that the minister's point is taken care of by a subsequent change to the bill, but with