Motions for Papers

Minks, General Counsel, Gulf Oil Corporation containing an antitrust evaluation and counsel's opinion and advice given to Mr. Zagnoli with respect to Gulf's prospective involvement in the proposed international uranium marketing arrangement distributed to R. K. Allen, Counsel, Gulf Mineral Resources Company, a subsidiary of Gulf Oil Corporation, counsel, Gulf Minerals Canada, Ltd.; I. W. Coleman, Associate General Counsel, Gulf Oil Corporation; W. Z. Estey, Partner, Robertson, Lane, Perrett, Frankish & Estey; counsel for Gulf Minerals Canada, Limited; N.M.

## [Translation]

Mr. J.-Gilles Lamontagne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the requested document which is the property of Gulf Oil Corporation is not in our records. Therefore, I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

[English]

Mr. Stevens: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

[Text]

COPY OF MEMORANDUM FROM R. D. JACKSON DESCRIBING SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS

Motion No. 36-Mr. Stevens:

Than an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the memorandum dated August 15, 1972 from R. D. Jackson, Attorney, Gulf Oil Corporation, to F. R. O'Hara, Attorney/Antitrust Counsel, Gulf Oil Corporation describing substance of discussions among counsel regarding proposed Canadian regulations concerning uranium marketing, distributed to I. W. Coleman, Associate General Counsel, Gulf Oil Corporation.

[English]

Mr. J.-Gilles Lamontagne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the requested document, which is the property of Gulf Oil Corporation, is not in our records. Consequently, I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Stevens: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I wonder if it is an acceptable answer for the parliamentary secretary to say that a certain matter is not in the government's records. Surely, if the House requests it, the government can get it. The reason I am prompted to raise this point of order is that when a motion is called about a matter that is in the possession of the government, the government still refuses to table it. Is this an acceptable answer?

Mr. Speaker: In a preliminary way, it seems that this is not the time to challenge an answer. The proposer of the motion is given the option of accepting the answer or rejecting it by transferring the matter for debate. I do not know at the moment if we can alter that procedure because of the high volume of motions being dealt with at this time. [Text]

COPY OF MEMORANDUM DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 1972 FROM O. J. C. RUNNALLS

Motion No. 37-Mr. Stevens:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of memorandum dated September 25, 1972 from Mr. O. J. C. Runnalls, Senior Advisor—Uranium, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources; Official of Uranium Canada, Limited a Crown corporation, to Mr. G. R. Albino, Official of Rio Algom, Ltd., a Canadian mining company; J. Kostuik, Official of Denison Mines, Ltd., a Canadian Crown corporation; N. M. Ediger, Manager, Gulf Minerals Canada, Ltd.; K. E. Kegel, Official with Uranerz Canada, Ltd., a Canadian subsidiary of a West German company; and G. M. McNabb, Assistant Deputy Minister (Energy) of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources; Executive Vice President, Uranium Canada, Limited, a Crown corporation.

[Translation]

Mr. J.-Gilles Lamontagne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the requested document is confidential and its contents cannot be made public. Therefore, I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

[English]

Mr. Stevens: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

[Text]

COPY OF MEMORANDUM DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 1972 FROM R. K. ALLEN DESCRIBING PROPOSAL PREPARED BY COUNSEL

Motion No. 38-Mr. Stevens:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the memorandum dated September 26, 1972 from R. K. Allen, Counsel, Gulf Mineral Resources Company, a subsidiary of Gulf Oil Corporation; counsel, Gulf Minerals Canada, Limited to I. W. Coleman, Associate General Counsel, Gulf Oil Corporation describing the letter attaching outline of a proposal prepared by counsel for possible use in the then forthcoming negotiations with joint venture partner concerning the impact of regulations adopted by Canada's Energy Control Board, requesting legal advice from co-counsel regarding the proposal.

[English]

Mr. J.-Gilles Lamontagne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the requested document, which is the property of Gulf Oil Corporation, is not in our records. Consequently, I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Stevens: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

[Text]

COPY OF MEMORANDUM FROM R. D. JACKSON REGARDING INTERNATIONAL URANIUM PRODUCERS' ARRANGEMENT

Motion No. 39-Mr. Stevens:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the memorandum dated October 11, 1972 from R. D. Jackson, Attorney, Gulf Oil Corporation to F. R. O'Hara, Attorney/Antitrust Counsel, Gulf Oil Corporation describing the letter concerning earlier consultation on legal points and recommending the giving of certain legal advice to the client regarding international uranium producers' arrangement.