

*Motions for Papers*

[Translation]

**Mr. Forest:** Mr. Speaker, would Your Honour call notices of motion Nos. 88, 92, 93, 97, 98 and 104?

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining notices of motion be allowed to stand.

[English]

DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THE VATICAN  
Motion No. 88—**Mr. Howard (Skeena):**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all telegrams, correspondence and other documents received by the Prime Minister or any other member of the government since January 1, 1969 relating to the proposal that Canada extend diplomatic recognition to the Vatican.

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, as I indicated to the house last week, it is estimated that between January 1 and March 28 of this year 10,275 letters responding to this inquiry have been received. In view of the fact that this would require the reproduction of over 20,000 copies of the document at a heavy expense to the treasury, I wonder whether the hon. member would be agreeable to withdrawing the motion?

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Far be it from me to put public servants to such an amount of work as a result of such a carelessly thought out proposal as the one advanced by the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker, so I will gladly withdraw it.

## CANADIAN TERRITORIAL AND INLAND WATERS

Motion No. 92—**Mr. Harding:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of a map of Canada showing both territorial waters and inland waters claimed by Canada.

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the government intends in the near future to issue maps illustrating additional straight base lines which will be drawn along Canada's coasts. It is also intended to amend the Territorial Sea and Fishing Zones Act to permit the establishment of fisheries lines in certain areas without affecting the limits of Canada's internal waters and territorial sea. It would not be in the Canadian interest for the government to issue further maps of Canada's possible maritime claims at this time. On this basis I ask the hon. member if he will agree to withdrawing his motion?

**Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to have permission to have the matter transferred for debate.

[Mr. Orlikow.]

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it agreed that it shall be transferred for debate?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Transferred for debate.

## LAW OF THE SEA—ARCTIC ISLANDS BASELINES

Motion No. 93—**Mr. Harding:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of all notes exchanged between Canada and the United States concerning the drawing of baselines between the islands of the Canadian Arctic pursuant to the provisions of the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, any communications on this subject form part of confidential exchanges between the government of Canada and the government of the United States. Such communications are privileged. It has not been the practice to produce them. I therefore ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

## CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN CANADA DEPOSIT INSURANCE AND B.C. RESPECTING COMMONWEALTH TRUST

Motion No. 97—**Mr. Harding:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence between the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Province of British Columbia, or any of its agencies, concerning the operations of the Commonwealth Trust Company since its incorporation.

**Mr. H. E. Gray (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I am informed the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation considers correspondence in its files with member institutions to be of a confidential nature. I am informed this is consistent with the policy followed in this regard for the Bank of Canada, the Industrial Development Bank and other Crown corporations that report to the Minister of Finance. I therefore ask the hon. member if he would be willing to withdraw his motion.

**Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to have permission to have this matter transferred for debate.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it agreed that it shall be transferred for debate pursuant to Standing Order 48?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Transferred for debate.