

Motions for Papers

And the Clerk having announced the result of the division:

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion carried.
Bill read the third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker: I believe that when we interrupted the proceedings at 2.30 p.m. we had reached the item, notices of motions for the production of papers.

● (1500)

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. MacLean: Mr. Speaker, when the bells rang I was about to rise on a point of order in connection with question No. 2425 which has been on the order paper since June 28 and has not yet been answered. I appeal to the minister responsible to have the officials of his department prepare the required answer at an early date.

Mr. McKenzie: Mr. Speaker, on July 19 I placed starred question No. 2543 on the order paper, with regard to Air Canada centralizing its computer services at Dorval. I believe that the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Richardson) and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Guay) have an obligation to see to it that Air Canada provides an answer to this very important question. It is almost four months since I placed the question on the order paper. We are entitled to a firm answer from Air Canada on this matter.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

[English]

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, while these notices have been allowed to stand, I would like to point to two motions I have placed before the House, Nos. 241 and 242, on September 12, almost a month and a half ago. The first was:

That an order of the House do issue for a copy of the guest list for the Prime Minister's reception on August 7, 1973, at the National Arts Centre in honour of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The second was for an order of the House for the guest list for a dinner given by the government in Calgary in honour of Her Majesty the Queen.

I am not affected by either one, but the government has the record. It knows exactly who were present. It is hold-

[Mr. Nesbitt.]

ing back the answer. I would like to know who are the politically select and who are the rejected.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

ENERGY

OIL—ALLEGED DIVERSION OF TANKERS DESTINED TO EASTERN CANADIAN PORTS—ASSURANCE BY COMPANIES THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Has he been able to confirm that oil tankers destined for eastern Canada have recently been diverted and, if so, whether these tankers are now on their way to eastern Canadian ports or are still being diverted to other ports?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, further to my telegram yesterday I have had replies from Canadian refiners, particularly the two refiners mentioned by the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville yesterday. In both cases the Canadian firms categorically deny that there was any diversion of tankers, saying that in both cases if it had been done by their affiliated companies they would have been advised, and that there has been no interruption in shipments. In relation to the allegation by the hon. member in regard to Imperial Oil, and his suggestion that a shipment from the Arab states was diverted, I should say that in fact Imperial advises that all of its oil stock comes from Venezuela.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, last week the minister met with representatives of the major oil companies. At that meeting did he seek any assurance and, if so, did he receive any assurance that tankers destined for Canada would not be diverted? I ask this particularly in the context of the Arab states in the Middle East having cut their deliveries to the United States.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Yes, Sir, I sought that assurance. The companies in question indicated that, of course, this would be subject to whatever sanctions might apply at the point of shipment. I have since been advised that a shipment to one company at least, to Portland for transit to Montreal, has been held up by the Arab states.

OIL—POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF CANADA IN CURTAILMENT OF DELIVERIES BY ARAB STATES

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, am I to understand from this reply that the Arab oil states are now reducing deliveries of oil to Canada and that Canada is now definitely included in the list of countries to which deliveries from the Arab states are being reduced as a matter of government policy in those states?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, as I indicated we have heard