

*Motions for Papers*

would be happy to meet with the hon. member and discuss the matter with him in order to provide some background that he may find useful. In the circumstances I would request the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

**Mr. Saltsman:** I accept that in view of the minister's co-operative attitude.

**Mr. Speaker:** The motion is dropped.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

## STUDY OF URBAN PROBLEMS BY PROFESSOR LITHWICK

Motion No. 408—**Mr. Gilbert:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the study of urban problems in Canada undertaken by Professor Harvey Lithwick for the Minister without Portfolio responsible for housing and urban affairs.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I move this motion on the hon. member's behalf.

**Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the report referred to was commissioned as a working document for the internal use of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and of the office of the minister responsible for housing. As such it is considered confidential and not in the public interest to table. In these circumstances I hope that the hon. member will be willing to withdraw the motion.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Oh, no. Let us have the question.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Transfer.

**Mr. Speaker:** Transferred for debate.

## REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION—ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL AREAS

Motion No. 445—**Mr. Burton:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he cause to be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence, reports, memoranda and other documents exchanged between the federal government and the governments of the provinces in consultations engaged in prior to the establishment of special areas by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I move this motion on the hon. member's behalf.

**Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, the correspondence

requested in this motion will be tabled if the consent of the provinces concerned is obtained, under our acceptance of notice of motion No. 444. All other documents requested are working papers exchanged at the official level and as such are considered privileged. I would therefore ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I thought the Parliamentary Secretary was suggesting that the government would agree to something subject to reservations. We are prepared to accept the reservations.

**Mr. Speaker:** Subject to the reservations and conditions expressed by the Parliamentary Secretary, is it the pleasure of the House that notice of motion No. 445 be deemed to have been adopted?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

## COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLE COMPANIES

Motion No. 450—**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the comprehensive agreements between the Government of Canada and the motor vehicle companies referred to by the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Treasury Board in *Hansard*, April 16, 1970, at page 5978.

**Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the agreements referred to are contained in letters tabled in the House on April 25, 1965, and on September 16, 1968. The minister could forward copies to the hon. member if he wishes. In view of this the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce would ask the member to withdraw his motion.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, do I understand the Parliamentary Secretary to say that the minister is prepared to forward the letters to me?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** They are already in the possession of the House.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** In that case why not table them?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** They have been tabled.