

conomic Expansion and reported in *Hansard* of March 18, 1970 at page 5184.

Mr. John Roberts (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the department studies the impact of various federal programs as part of a continuing appraisal of slow growth regions. However, this is designed to assist in drafting policies and programs rather than to produce formal reports. Therefore, since there is no report which could be tabled I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Skoberg: Agreed, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Dropped.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 1970
BETWEEN CNR AND MINISTER OF TRANSPORT RELATING
TO CNR PENSION PLAN

Motion No. 35—**Mr. Skoberg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the correspondence, dated September 17, 1970, between the President of the CNR and the Minister of Transport outlining the company's position on the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications concerning the CNR Pension Plan.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, this question is of the same type as the previous one. As it concerns again a matter of internal operation, I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

[*English*]

Mr. Skoberg: Mr. Speaker, we certainly cannot withdraw this one. I call for the question.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

COPY OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE CREATED TO DEAL
WITH PROGRAM TO HELP SMALL FARMS IN CANADA

Motion No. 41—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the final report of the Technical Committee created by the Minister of Agriculture to deal with the development of a national program to help the small farms in Canada as well as any documents, letters or communications related to the Technical Committee.

Mr. Baldwin: I move the motion for the hon. member.

Mr. Douglas A. Hogarth (Parliamentary Secretary to Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, the technical committee referred to by the hon. member was established by the 11 ministers of agriculture and any reports from this committee would be made to the ministers and considered confidential documents. I would therefore request that the hon. member withdraw the motion.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that this affects the small farmers in Canada, in whom this party is

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very interested, I would ask that the motion be transferred for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Hogarth: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the other notices of motions be allowed to stand.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining notices of motions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Burton: Mr. Speaker, I would ask again that the parliamentary secretary make inquiries about notices of motions Nos. 16 and 18, both in my name. They were placed on the order paper on February 24, over two months ago. Surely the government should be able to give some indication of its response by now, particularly since most of its responses are negative.

Mr. Hogarth: Mr. Speaker, I will pass on the hon. member's remarks to the appropriate minister.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

GOVERNMENT GOAL FOR REAL GROWTH IN 1972—NEW INITIATIVES

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister arising out of the rather sleek economic review tabled by the Minister of Finance yesterday in which it is stated that "it is expected that real growth will continue to surpass its trend rate through 1972." I am not asking the Prime Minister to interpret what this jargon means, but I would ask him to tell the House what is the specific goal of the government during 1972 in respect of real economic growth?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I will be pleased to take notice of this question on behalf of the minister, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Stanfield: I accept that, of course, Mr. Speaker, but I am rather surprised the Prime Minister does not know what that objective is. In view of the position taken by the Economic Council of Canada that the rate or real growth attained even during the last six months of 1971, which seems to have fallen off, would mean that the rate of unemployment would not fall even to 4 per cent in three years, I would ask the Prime Minister whether he intends to take any new initiatives to spur on the real growth of the economy with a view to reducing the rate of unemployment within some reasonable time?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, there is nothing I can announce today, but the Leader of the Opposition might want to take note of the fact that the rate of real growth in