

Motions for Papers

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I am informed that no correspondence has passed between the National Energy Board and the United States federal power commission regarding the supply of natural gas from western Canada to the United States. Under the circumstances, I ask that the hon. member be requested to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Harding: Agreed, Mr. Speaker.
Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

indeed the Indian people to table this information at this stage of negotiations. Under the circumstances, I would ask the hon. member to withdraw the motion.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I oppose that request. I simply say the government has no right whatever to engage in negotiations regarding the rights of the Indian people and keep them secret. I cannot accept the request to withdraw the motion. It is too important.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

FORMULATION OF NEW PETROLEUM POLICY

Motion No. 57—**Mr. Thomson:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the special task force report on the formulation of Canada's new petroleum policy.

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources knows of no special task force concerned with the formulation of Canada's new petroleum policy. I therefore request that the hon. member withdraw his motion.

Mr. Thomson: Agreed, Mr. Speaker.
Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

INDIAN AFFAIRS POLICY STATEMENT

Motion No. 65—**Mr. Howard (Skeena):**

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 made at all meetings or conversations between the government or any agency or department thereof and any provincial government or agency or department thereof since June 25, 1969 relating to the policy statement on Indian Affairs made in the House of Commons by the Hon. Jean Chrétien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development on June 25, 1969.

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): The hon. member is requesting copies of notes or conversations between the federal government and the provincial government. Conversations which have taken place up to now, other than that correspondence which will be tabled in the motion for the production of papers No. 63, are considered privileged information and it would not be in the interest of the governments or

NATIONAL HEALTH MANPOWER CONFERENCE

Motion No. 74—**Mr. Orlikow:**

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all reports and papers presented to the National Health Manpower Conference in October, 1969 which was sponsored by the Department of National Health and Welfare.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of National Health and Welfare has advised the hon. member for Winnipeg North that a report containing this material will be published a little later. In the light of that assurance, the member for Winnipeg North would like me to ask that the motion be withdrawn.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

CABINET COMMITTEES

Motion No. 91—**Mr. Orlikow:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of a list of all Cabinet Committees of the Government of Canada and the federal Ministers belonging to each of these committees, as mentioned by the Prime Minister at a Press Conference on October 15, 1969 at the National Press Building.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move this motion on behalf of the hon. member for Winnipeg North.

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it has always been the position of this House that the arrangements made by the cabinet for the discharge of the business for which it is collectively responsible are matters for the cabinet itself and are not customarily disclosed. Perhaps, therefore, the hon. member will agree to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.