

Motions for Papers

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I move this order on behalf of the hon. member for Kootenay West.

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, there is no correspondence on file between the Department of Fisheries and Dr. L. Dickie. In view of this fact it would be a nil return and I wonder if the hon. member would, therefore, be prepared to withdraw his motion?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Agreed.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

REPORT BY DR. R. W. TRITES RESPECTING
LONG HARBOUR AREA

Motion No. 200—**Mr. Harding:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the report by Dr. R. W. Trites of the Bedford Institute of Oceanography for the Department of Fisheries regarding the Long Harbour area, Newfoundland.

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

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, the report referred to in this motion is an internal working paper prepared by a member of the staff for use by department officers. Such documents are traditionally privileged and not tabled. I would therefore ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I believe the hon. member for Kootenay West would like to introduce this motion again in the next session.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is dropped.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING POLLUTION
OF B.C. WATERS

Motion No. 201—**Mr. Rose:**

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all correspondence between the Department of Fisheries and Forestry and pulp mills in British Columbia regarding the pollution of B.C. waters and the pollution guidelines of the Department.

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, it is the view of the government that the tabling of this correspondence would seri-

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ously affect the confidence and effective relationships between the department and the companies in question. Frank discussions between the parties would be inhibited and the successful relationships established between the department and the pulp mills seriously hampered. In view of this fact we should like to request that the motion be withdrawn.

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I find the grounds for refusal unacceptable in view of the minister's recent statement supporting greater access to public information.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Motion No. 201 is dropped.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING ELECTRIC
REDUCTION COMPANY PLANT

Motion No. 204—**Mr. Carter:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the Government of Canada or any of its representatives and the Government of the Province of Newfoundland, the Bedford Institute of Oceanography and the Electric Reduction Company relating to the establishment of the Electric Reduction Company's Plant in Long Harbour, Newfoundland.

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, the correspondence requested in this motion which can be produced has already been approved by the acceptance of motions Nos. 198 and 199. In view of this fact I would suggest that the hon. member may wish to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Withdrawn, Mr. Speaker.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE IN UNDER-
DEVELOPED AREAS

Motion No. 221—**Mr. Broadbent:**

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all studies or reports, etc., undertaken by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion regarding the subject of the effects of technological change in less developed areas of Canada.

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the Department of Regional Economic Expansion has not undertaken any studies such as are requested by the hon. member.