

Motions for Papers

Consumer and Corporate Affairs by the United States Justice Department on anti-combines matters related to auto manufacturers and a conspiracy to delay development of anti-smog devices.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I move this motion on behalf of the hon. member.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): It would not be in the public interest to disclose confidential communications between my department and the United States justice department relative to anti-combines matters because such disclosure would prejudice inquiries in either or both countries. In the circumstances, therefore, I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I am sure the hon. member would not like to have his motion withdrawn.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

STUDIES ON IMPACT OF DEFERRED CAPITAL ALLOWANCES, AIR FARE TAXES, ETC.

Motion No. 15—**Mr. Saltsman:**

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of the studies on the impact of deferred capital allowances, taxes on air fares, speed-ups, in bringing about the final three stages of the Kennedy Round tariff reductions and any other reports, studies, or reviews etc. prepared for the June Budget brought down by the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I move this motion on behalf of the hon. member.

Mr. P. M. Mahoney (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the last spring budget was brought down in March of 1970; the budget to which the motion refers must have been that of June, 1969. In both instances, budget papers were tabled. Other papers, reports, reviews, etc., were internal memoranda prepared by officials for the consideration of ministers. It has not been the practice and is not considered to be in the public interest to make such confidential communications public. In the circumstances, I hope the hon. member will withdraw his motion.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is dropped.
Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

STUDY ON EFFECTS OF CANADA-U.S. WAGE PARITY UPON COST STRUCTURE OF CANADIAN AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES

Motion No. 19—**Mr. Saltsman:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the study by economist David F. Smith of the Mechanical Transport Branch, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce on "The Effects of Canada-United States Wage Parity Upon the Cost Structure of the Canadian Automotive Industries".

[Mr. Saltsman.]

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I move this motion on behalf of the hon. member.

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member will recall that in response to his previous motion the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce was unable to comply with his request as the study in question is an internal departmental document containing information received in confidence from the industry and therefore cannot be tabled. I would ask the hon. member to kindly reconsider and withdraw his motion.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Question.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN CANADA AND UNITED STATES ON "MANHATTAN" PROJECT

Motion No. 41—**Mr. Thomson:**

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 between the Department of External Affairs and the United States Government in relation to the *Manhattan* project.

[Translation]

Mr. André Ouellet (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, this material is part of confidential communications between governments and cannot, therefore, be made public. In the circumstances, I wonder if the hon. member would agree to withdraw his motion.

[English]

Mr. Thomson: Question.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

CONSULTANT REPORT ON DATA ON SUBSIDIARIES

Motion No. 73—**Mr. Skoberg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the consultant report by H. R. Kemp on data on subsidiaries in Canada undertaken for the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce for the fiscal year 1966-67, as mentioned in answer to Question Number 1,323 of the 1st Session of this Parliament.

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce hopes that the hon. member will again reconsider his request for this study in view of the circumstances described previously by the minister. The hon. member will recall the minister's response that the consultant had passed away during the time he was commissioned to conduct the study and that the report is in a draft form, he would ask the hon. member to withdraw his request.

Mr. Skoberg: I think that the draft study may contain some information or data regarding subsidiaries in