

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member cannot make a statement. He should explain as briefly as possible why the document cannot be produced.

Mr. McNulty: In the circumstances we would respectfully ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Skoberg: I agree. Perhaps the hon. member would complete his explanation later today.

Mr. Speaker: Motion dropped.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

Motion No. 229—**Mr. Skoberg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the consultant report by Canadian Facts Company Limited, on a public opinion survey undertaken for the Department of Labour in the fiscal year 1968-69, as mentioned in answer to Question Number 1,323 of the past Session.

Mr. Jim McNulty (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the public opinion survey made for the Department of Labour by Canadian Facts Company Limited was prepared for internal, confidential use. Under the circumstances we would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Skoberg: In view of the information provided by this survey, I would call for a vote.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH U.S. AND U.K. GOVERNMENTS RESPECTING FARM MACHINERY

Motion No. 349—**Mr. Gleave:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence, memoranda, etc., between the Government of Canada and the Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom regarding the subject of farm machinery as referred to by the Minister of Agriculture and reported in *Hansard* of January 19, 1970 at page 2530.

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the limited amount of correspondence that has passed between the government of Canada and the governments, respectively, of the United Kingdom and the United States on this subject is part of exchanges of views on this matter which are continuing and

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which, to achieve the desired results, must by their nature remain confidential. As it would not be in the public interest to table the documents, I would accordingly ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Gleave: Mr. Speaker, I would ask that this be transferred—oh, I will withdraw, Mr. Speaker.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

REPORTS ON CONFERENCE OF INDIAN CHIEFS AT KAMLOOPS

Motion No. 357—**Mr. Howard (Skeena):**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all reports prepared by any employee of the Government of Canada or any agency, department or branch thereof and specifically, a Mr. Glynn and a Mr. Smith, who attended the Conference of Chiefs held in Kamloops, B.C. from November 17 to 22, 1969.

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, the report the hon. member is requesting was prepared by departmental officials on a confidential basis for the information of senior officers of the department and is privileged. I regret that I cannot accede to the hon. member's request and I would ask that he withdraw the motion.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I did not ask that it be transferred for debate.

Mr. Honey: I do.

Mr. Speaker: It has been requested that it be transferred for debate.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to rise on a point of order which relates to the specific request of the hon. member that the motion be transferred for debate. My point of order also relates to Standing Order 48(1) which provides that Notices of Motions for the Production of Papers should be placed under a certain heading, and then states as follows;

All such notices, when called, shall be forthwith disposed of; but if on any such motion a debate be desired by the members opposing it or by a Minister of the Crown, the motion will be transferred by the Clerk to the Order of "Notices of Motions (Papers)".

The key point here is found in the words "forthwith disposed of", coupled with the fact that I do not desire any debate and did not request that the motion be transferred for debate. The Parliamentary Secretary—whether he is a minister or not may not be too