

the 10 per cent surtax. Malts go up from 30 cents per hundredweight to 40 cents per hundredweight. Since my time is limited I can only pick out a few items but a similar situation exists in regard to exports of fish products. It is significant that the measure now before the House does not deal specifically with this situation. If I follow correctly what the minister said in his statement, surely the bill could be made to apply to processors of agricultural products who export over 20 per cent of their manufactures to the United States.

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

### SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Order, please. I regret having to interrupt the hon. member but it being five o'clock it is my duty at this time, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Carter)—regional economic expansion—request by member of Argentia task force that chairman resign; the hon. member for Don Valley (Mr. Kaplan)—Airports—Toronto—decision on site of new facility—possible postponement of announcement; the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants (Mr. McCleave)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police—role of civilian security force respecting changes.

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely notices of motions (papers), private bills, public bills.

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

### MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION

#### REQUEST FOR COPY OF DEPARTMENTAL STUDY ON MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

**Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw)** moved:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the consultant report by Operations Research Industries, a study and recommendations on the design of a management-information system supporting the departmental planning, programming and budgeting system, undertaken for the Department of Manpower and Immigration in the fiscal year 1967-68, as mentioned in answer to Question No. 1,323 of the 1st session of this Parliament.

● (5:00 p.m.)

**Mr. Chas. L. Caccia (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, we have dealt with this matter on a number of occasions and it has been transferred for debate. We are ready for that debate and we would expect to have it held forthwith. The hon. member is interested in the subject of information systems which the department has developed over the years in order to increase its effectiveness and its

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ability to compile information and data, and to provide a service to the Canadian people at the lowest possible cost.

As far as our department experience goes, the approach has been that an information system in order to be of a certain usefulness would have to satisfy three specific requirements. It must meet operational needs; where applicable it must provide a facility for program evaluation, review and identification of effectiveness and efficiency. The third criterion is that it should provide a vehicle to support research and long range planning.

Systems developed in recent years have been designed to meet these three requirements. For instance, we have the immigration data system which in essence is the accumulation of data for the ready retrieval of information on recruitment and selection abroad. The data identifies many items which can be summarized and manipulated, in a wide variety of ways, to satisfy requirements of operational control and research.

In the planning stage by the department at the present time is a major revision of the landing records system. This is meant to eliminate duplication and make it possible to isolate all available information on individual cases. In fulfilling these objectives, a simplification will be achieved in the handling of all immigrants on their arrival in Canada, thus speeding up the processing, particularly at international airports.

On the manpower side of the department—

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** I wonder if I might rise on a point of order?

**The Acting Chairman (Mr. Laniel):** Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. It has been well established in the rules that the scope of debate at this stage of the proceedings is limited to an argument as to whether the document referred to in the motion should be produced. I submit this does not allow a member, as the hon. gentleman is seeking to do, to engage in a rather detailed explanation of what goes on within a department, or the purpose of the papers and everything else. The debate is limited to the very narrow area of why the papers should or should not be produced. This should be drawn to the hon. gentleman's attention.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** The Chair agrees with the remarks of the hon. member in that any debate in this House should be relevant. The main purpose of this motion is to obtain the presentation of a report. Hon. members are aware of the fact that some latitude is given to hon. members in the hope that during their presentation they will return to the main purpose of the motion. I would request the hon. parliamentary secretary to abide as closely as possible to the rules of the House.

**Mr. Caccia:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The purpose of transferring a motion for debate is obviously to allow a debate of a motion and the subject matter of interest to the hon. members.

**Mr. Skoberg:** If you give it to us we will debate it.