

Motions for Papers

COPY OF REPORT BY GASTON G. CHAMAILLARD FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES RELATING TO WATER RESOURCES AND WATER POLLUTION

Motion No. 27—Mr. Skoberg:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the consultant report by Gaston G. Chamailard, undertaken for the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, regarding a Canada-wide survey of public information, educational activities relating to water resources and water pollution, as mentioned in answer to Question Number 1,323 of the 1st Session of this Parliament.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I move this motion on the hon. member's behalf.

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, this motion is the same as motion for the production of papers No. 84 of the last session. As stated at that time, this report was prepared for internal working purposes. It contains information obtained on a confidential basis and must, therefore, be treated as privileged. I would therefore request that the hon. member withdraw his motion.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Question.

Mr. Jerome: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

COPY OF REPORT BY OPERATION RESEARCH INDUSTRIES—QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE POLICY AND PLANNING BRANCH

Motion No. 28—Mr. Skoberg:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the consultant report by Operation Research Industries Limited undertaken for the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources regarding a quantitative assessment of the Policy and Planning Branch as mentioned in answer to Question Number 2,452 of the 1st Session of this Parliament.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I move this motion on the hon. member's behalf.

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, this motion is the same as motion for the production of papers No. 90 of the last session. As stated at that time, the report is an internal working document which was prepared to assist unit management in determining what organizational changes might be required to increase efficiency of operations, and its release is not considered to be in the public interest. Under these circumstances, it is requested that the hon. member withdraw his motion.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Question.

Mr. Jerome: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate. Shall the remaining notices of motions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Mr. Speaker.]

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

INDUSTRY

FORD MOTOR COMPANY—POSSIBILITY OF SHUTDOWN BECAUSE OF U.S. POLLUTION CONTROLS—SUGGESTED CONSULTATION WITH AMERICANS ON DISTRIBUTION AND ECONOMIC DISLOCATION

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, but in his absence I will address it to the Acting Prime Minister. Has the government given consideration to holding meetings with the government of the United States with the aim in mind of persuading that government to permit the Ford Motor Company to distribute 1973 model cars to its agencies with the proviso that these 1973 models not be sold until the completion of the new tests being carried out by the United States Environmental Protection Agency?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Acting Prime Minister): This is quite an interesting suggestion, Mr. Speaker, and I will see that it is passed on to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, has the government also considered holding meetings with the United States government with the object of avoiding a dislocation of the production of the Ford Motor Company both in Canada and in the United States because of the very serious effects such dislocations will have on the economies of both countries?

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. gentleman is aware that the government of Canada is meeting fairly continuously on a number of trade matters with the United States, and that preoccupation with avoiding dislocation of the motor car industry is of just as great concern to them as to us.

Mr. Hees: In view of that very general non-answer, and because of the great seriousness of the dislocation which can result from the Ford Motor Company having to stop production, will the government make it a very special point with the government of the United States to avoid such dislocation?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY—POSSIBILITY OF SHUTDOWN BECAUSE OF U.S. POLLUTION CONTROLS—COORDINATION OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES TO MINIMIZE EFFECTS

Mr. Max Saltzman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is addressed to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the fact the Minister of Transport seems to be charged with the responsibility of looking after safety matters, and the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce seems to be ducking the question because his responsibility is in the area of production—