

Motions for Papers

report by Ronald Ritchie on an international research centre for Canada. Mr. Ritchie was engaged, however, by the government, as announced by the Prime Minister on November 7, 1968, to prepare a report on "the establishment of a Research Institute where long term research and thinking can be undertaken on governmental matters of all kinds". That report is not yet available, but is expected to be submitted shortly. The government will then have to consider whether it is in the public interest that it be made public. I would hope that in these circumstances the hon. member would agree to withdraw his motion at this time.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I will withdraw the motion subject to the right of the hon. member to put it on the order paper later if he feels he should.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is dropped.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

NATO COMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH PROGRAM

Motion No. 21—**Mr. Lewis:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the memorandum of agreement among eight participating NATO countries, including Canada, regarding the second phase of the NATO communications research program established in 1967.

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, the document referred to in this motion is a memorandum of understanding between the governments concerned and is classified confidential. Subject to the receipt of unanimous consent of the participating governments, I have no objection to tabling this document.

Mr. Lewis: I am satisfied to allow this motion to stand until the minister has found out whether he has consent.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed the motion will stand?

Mr. Lewis: Agreed.

Motion stands.

MINAS BASIN POWER STUDY

Motion No. 33—**Mr. Skoberg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the feasibility study on Minas Basin power prepared in the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources.

[Mr. Walker.]

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I am informed that the report on Minas Basin power is now being completed by the Atlantic Tidal Power Programming Board.

This report was to have been completed within the next three or four weeks, but its completion is not now anticipated until the end of the calendar year. On completion, the report will be printed as rapidly as possible.

Once the report has been printed, the board is required to submit it to the governments of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The consent of all three governments will be required to have this report made public; and presumably such consent will not be given until appropriate representatives of the three governments concerned have had an opportunity to examine the report and to assess its implications. Under the circumstances, I ask the hon. member to withdraw the motion.

Mr. Skoberg: I agree, Mr. Speaker.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

INFORMATION

Motion No. 46—**Mr. Mather:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the special task force report on Information.

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as the House knows, the report of the task force on government information was tabled in the House by the Prime Minister on November 4. Perhaps, therefore, the hon. member will agree to withdraw this motion.

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): Mr. Speaker, in agreeing to withdraw the motion I should like to express regret that the government is not in a position to produce as speedily the reports in the other 100 motions.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS TO UNITED STATES

Motion No. 52—**Mr. Harding:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of recent correspondence between the Canadian Energy Board and the United States Federal Power Commission regarding the supply of natural gas from Western Canada to the United States.