Motions for Papers

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MR. JOHN CARSON AND HON. JOHN TURNER REGARDING BILINGUALISM IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Motion No. 11-Mr. Orlikow:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence between Mr. John Carson, Chairman of the Public Service Commission and the Honourable John Turner, Minister of Justice, regarding bilingualism in the Public Service and its application under the terms of the Public Service Employment Act.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Stand.

Mr. Speaker: Stand.

COPY OF CONSULTANT REPORT FOR CMHC REGARDING LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT STUDY OF CITÉ DU HAVRE

• (1430)

Motion No. 19-Mr. Skoberg:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the consultant report undertaken for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation regarding the planning for a long-term development study of Cité du Havre in 1968, 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 behalf of the hon. member for Moose Jaw.

Mr. David Weatherhead (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, this report has not yet been presented to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs nor to the Minister of Transport. Officials of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the National Harbours Board have been asked to study the report and make recommendations to the government. The report is, therefore, not available for tabling at this time. Under these circumstances, would the hon. member consider withdrawing his motion?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to withdraw it, subject to the member's right to put it on the order paper again.

Mr. Speaker: Motion dropped.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

COPY OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN PANARCTIC OILS LTD. AND UNITED STATES COMPANIES WITH REFERENCE TO ARCTIC GAS

Motion No. 42-Mr. Douglas:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the agreement between Panarctic Oils Ltd. and a consortium of United States companies consisting of Tenneco Oils and Minerals Ltd., Columbia Gas Systems Inc., Texas Eastern Transmission Co., and Northern Natural Gas Co. with reference to the right of first refusal on Arctic gas supplies.

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, tabling of this agreement without the written consent of both parties involved will constitute a breach of confidence on the part of the government. Since this consent cannot be obtained, this document must be considered as privileged information

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which cannot be tabled. Under the circumstances I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Douglas: Mr. Speaker, since the government of Canada is the largest single shareholder in this company, I cannot accept the statement that consent cannot be given. Therefore I ask that the question be now put.

Mr. Jerome: Transfer for debate.

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

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, there stand in my name five notices of motions for production of papers, namely Nos. 52 to 56 inclusive, all relating to the same general subject, namely, correspondence and reports respecting the proposal that a cannery be built in the Prince Rupert area. I raised this matter some time ago with the parliamentary secretary and asked him to speed up the response to these motions in view of the urgent need on the part of the proponents of the cannery to have this information before the fishing season has progressed too far. Could the hon. gentleman provide a response to these motions by next Wednesday?

Mr. Jerome: Mr. Speaker, I have again made a note of the numbers. I looked into these motions on the hon. member's behalf. While some portions of the answers are under preparation, other portions present more difficulty. We are still working on the matter but we do hope to be able to provide a response to them soon.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining motions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

ORDERS AND DECORATIONS

NEW CANADIAN SYSTEM OF HONOURS—POSITION RESPECTING FUTURE AWARDS OF VICTORIA CROSS AND GEORGE MEDAL

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister relating to one of the points that his statement on decorations did not cover. May I ask the right hon. gentleman whether it is intended that Commonwealth decorations such as the Victoria Cross and the George Medal will continue to be available to Canadian citizens?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudecu (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, with regard to those two decorations it has been determined that those Canadians who have been awarded them will continue to wear them and that they will be given precedence over the new Canadian awards. As to future awards and the problem raised by the hon. member, we will seek the advice of the advisory committee to the Governor General.