

ceau) finds tradition such a motivating force for him and his government.

The issue, of course, is the right of the public to information. I suggest that if the minister had been responding to the Secretary of State (Mr. Faulkner) after a request for a legal opinion addressed to the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lang), then perhaps I would have a more difficult time preparing my argument, but what the Minister of Justice was doing was objecting to a program, speaking as the member of parliament for Saskatoon-Humboldt. That is quite a different category, and I am surprised that the minister should wish to take refuge in the traditions of confidentiality—I think very largely outmoded—by resisting my motion.

As I said earlier, we will continue to have leaks of information, letters, and other documents if governments persist in trying to hold the lid on consultants' memoranda, letters, and so on which, by their very nature, should never have been marked confidential. In any event I think the issue should be tested, and I will be glad to have it tested. I suspect that the Secretary of State has heard many more representations about this particular program than that of the hon. member for Saskatoon-Humboldt (Mr. Lang), who is also the Minister of Justice of Canada, and I am surprised that all these letters should be locked away so that we, as representatives, and the public, are unable to judge the merits of those representations.

Once again I thank those who have participated in the debate. I am sorry that inevitably the majority is a tradition bound government and that will mean that I will not be successful, but I am sanguine about the outcome and I hope that some day this, or a succeeding government, will be much freer about making information available.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): All those opposed to the motion will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five hon. members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Fairweather), which was negatived on the following division:

● (1740)

(Division No. 32)

YEAS

Messrs.

Alkenbrack
Andre
(Calgary Centre)

Crouse
Dionne
(Kamouraska)

Fraser
Friesen

Government Information

Messrs.

Baker (Grenville-Carleton)	Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan- The Islands)	Gilbert Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain)
Baldwin	Ellis	Hamilton (Swift Current- Maple Creek)
Balfour	Elzinga	Holmes
Beatty	Epp	Horner
Brisco	Fairweather	Jarvis
Clark (Rocky Mountain)	Firth	Rondeau
Coates	Forrestall	Saltsman
Cossitt	Fortin	Schumacher
Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre)	MacKay	Scott
Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand)	MacLean	Smith (Churchill)
Korchinski	Macquarrie	Stevens
Lambert	Marshall	Stewart (Marquette)
(Bellechasse)	McKenzie	Symes
Lambert (Edmonton West)	McKinley	Towers
Laprise	McKinnon	Wenman
La Salle	Muir	Whiteway
Lawrence	Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich)	Whittaker
Leggatt	Neil	Wise
MacDonald (Miss) (Kingston and the Islands)	Orlikow	Woolliams
	O'Sullivan	Yewchuk—70.
	Paproski	
	Patterson	
	Peters	
	Ritchie	
	Roche	

NAYS

Messrs.

Abbott	Dupras	Marchand (Langelier)
Allmand	Ethier	Marchand (Kamloops-Cariboo)
Anderson	Faulkner	McIsaac
Andras (Port Arthur)	Flynn	McRae
Andres (Lincoln)	Foster	Milne
Appolloni (Mrs.)	Fox	Morin (Mrs.)
Baker (Gander-Twillingate)	Francis	Munro (Hamilton East)
Bécharde	Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier)	Nicholson (Miss)
Bégin (Miss)	Gendron	O'Connell
Blais	Gillespie	Olivier
Blaker	Goodale	Ouellet
Blouin	Goyer	Parent
Boulanger	Guay (St. Boniface)	Pearsall
Breau	Guilbault	Pelletier (Hochelaga)
Buchanan	Haidasz	Pelletier (Sherbrooke)
Bussières	Herbert	Philbrook
Caccia	Hopkins	Pinard
Campagnolo (Mrs.)	Isabelle	Portelance
Campbell (Miss) (South Western Nova)	Jamieson	Poulin
Campbell (LaSalle-Émard-Côte Saint-Paul)	Joyal	Railton
Caron	Kaplan	Reid
Chrétien	Lachance	Roberts
Clermont	Lajoie	Robinson
Collenette	Lalonde	Rompkey
Comtois	Lang	Roy (Laval)
Corbin	Laniel	Sharp
Corriveau	Lapointe	Smith (Saint-Jean)
Côté	Leblanc	Stanbury
Cullen	(Westmorland-Kent)	Stewart (Cochrane)
Danson	Lee	Stollery
Daudlin	Lefebvre	Tessier
De Bané	Loiselle (Chambly)	Trudeau
Demers	Lumley	Turner (London East)
Dionne (Northumberland- Miramichi)	MacDonald (Cardigan)	Watson
Douglas (Bruce-Grey)	Macdonald (Rosedale)	Whelan
Drury	MacFarlane	Yanakis
Duclos	MacGuigan	Young—115.
Dupont	Mackasey	
	Maine	
	Marceau	

● (1800)

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion lost.

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Speaker, I was paired with the hon. member for Quebec East (Mr. Duquet).