

Mr. Orlikow, seconded by Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre), moved,—

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the study done for the Department of Manpower and Immigration by Belanger, Ouellette and Associates Inc., Montreal, Quebec.—(*Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 57*).

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the study done for the Department of Manpower and Immigration by Operations Research Incorporated, Maryland, U.S.A.—(*Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 58*).

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the study done for the Department of Manpower and Immigration by Kates, Peat, Marwick and Company, Toronto, Ontario.—(*Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 59*).

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the study done for the Department of Manpower and Immigration by Operations Research Industries, Ottawa, Ontario.—(*Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 60*).

And debate arising thereon;

The attention of the Acting Speaker having been drawn to the question of a want of a quorum;

And a count of the House having been taken and there being an absence of a quorum;

The names of the Members were taken down as follows:—Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Badanai, Béchard, Boulanger, Caccia, Forest, Forget, Haidasz, Honey, Hopkins, Lachance, Lambert (Bellechasse), Langlois, Leblanc (Laurier), Legault, MacGuigan, Mahoney, Marchand (Kamloops-Cariboo), Pilon, Smith (Saint-Jean), Stanfield, Sullivan, Trudel, Turner (London East), Walker and Weatherhead.

Whereupon the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) raised a point of order to the effect that the House having been counted and a quorum not having been found, the House must stand adjourned.

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: We have a very difficult situation here. Whether there were 14, 16, 18 or 20 Members present when the count was made is not easy to say. I have taken into consideration what has been said by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield), the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) and others to the effect that when the count was made originally there were only 14 Members present in the House. The fact that some Members left the House caused some difficulty for the Acting Speaker and for the Assistant Clerk; they were counting people who were coming in and people who were going out.

At the same time I feel I have to consider that there were probably not 20 Members in the House when the first count was made. When the Clerk Assistant on instructions from the Acting Speaker took the names down—he has a list which is now inscribed in the records of the House—there were more than 20, but I think that for the purposes of the Citation 60 it cannot be the number of names inscribed in the record which is decisive but the number of Members present at the time the original count was made.

It is very unfortunate, but I cannot see how I can reach any other conclusion than to apply the provisions of Citation 60 and say that when the