

CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING AMENDMENT  
OF CONSTITUTIONMotion No. 13—**Mr. Brewin:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence exchanged during the past year between the Minister of Justice and the Attorneys General or other provincial ministers regarding methods of amending the Constitution of Canada; and also for other papers and documents prepared for and presented to the meeting held in October between the Minister of Justice and the Attorneys General relating to the amendment of the Constitution of Canada.

**Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, the Government will agree to the first part of motion No. 13, which relates to all correspondence exchanged during the past year between the Minister of Justice and the Attorneys General or other provincial ministers regarding methods of amending the constitution of Canada.

As to the documents referred to in the remainder of the motion, if it is agreeable to the House I suggest that no order to produce them be made, because they are in the nature of confidential documents. These documents concern the in camera proceedings and discussions that took place between the Minister of Justice and the Attorneys General of the provinces. If it is agreeable to the mover I suggest that the motion be adopted in that fashion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Subject to the reservation expressed by the Minister, is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

INCREASED PENSIONS FOR RETIRED C.N.R.  
EMPLOYEESMotion No. 21—**Mr. Bigg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the Canadian National Pensions Association and the Prime Minister since May 1, 1963 regarding increased pension benefits for retired C.N.R. employees.

Motion agreed to.

## ORDERS UNDER CUSTOMS ACT FIXING DUTIES

Motion No. 23—**Mr. Moreau:**

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of orders issued by the Minister of National Revenue since December 23, 1963, under the provisions of section 38 of the Customs Act for the purposes of fixing duties.

Motion agreed to.

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*Inquiries of the Ministry*  
INCREASED PENSIONS FOR RETIRED CIVIL  
SERVANTSMotion No. 24—**Mr. Coates:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence and/or messages since January, 1964, between any association of superannuated Civil Servants or other individuals and the Prime Minister or any member of the government asking for an increase in the superannuation allowance.

Motion agreed to.

PROPOSALS RESPECTING IMMIGRATION OF  
MINERSMotion No. 25—**Mr. Orlikow:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence between the Canadian Metal Mining Association and the Government of Canada, and the United Steelworkers of America and the Government of Canada regarding proposals to permit immigration into Canada of miners and skilled tradesmen.

Motion agreed to.

● (2:40 p.m.)

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

U.S. SUGGESTION RESPECTING PEACE FORCE  
FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I direct the Prime Minister's attention to the report of a suggestion made by Mr. George Ball, United States Under Secretary of State, on the creation of a force which I think he described as an inter-American peace force, to be maintained permanently for crises in the western hemisphere. What is the attitude of the Canadian Government to the creation of such a force limited to the Americas? Would the creation of such a force have a detrimental effect on United Nations peace keeping operations; and generally, has there been any action taken in the last few days on the part of Canada in the Western Hemisphere for membership, either direct or associate, in the Organization of American States?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, in so far as the first part of the question is concerned I, like my right hon. friend, noted with interest the proposal, perhaps an important proposal. We are taking steps to find out more about it through discussions with the United States Government authorities. I can only say now, pending further discussions, that we would prefer peace keeping forces of this kind to be under the United Nations rather than under any regional organization, though there may be occasions when regional organizations could