Motions for Papers

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Under the circumstances I guess I have to agree.

Mr. Speaker: Dropped.

Motion withdrawn.

BACKGROUND REPORTS ON WATKINS REPORT

Motion No. 84-Mr. Orlikow:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all background reports and papers prepared for the Watkins Report on Foreign Ownership and the Structure of Canadian Industry.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, these studies were prepared under special arrangements. In the case of the studies prepared by arrangement with the authors there were two understandings. The first was that the studies were confidential when prepared for the task force, and the second was that the authors were to have the right of publication afterwards. There is a third limitation, namely that some of them were prepared on the basis of confidential material in government files. The government would be prepared to table such studies as are not covered by those inhibitions, and in addition we can seek the consent of those particular authors for the tabling of those documents that do not contain confidential material. If the hon. member is agreeable to those limitations the motion could pass subject to them.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): I agree, although I am somewhat doubtful about how much I will get.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the reservations, conditions and inhibitions expressed by the minister is it the pleasure of the house that Notice of Motion No. 84 be adopted?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

RESEARCH STUDIES ON LABOUR RELATIONS

Motion No. 86-Mr. Orlikow:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of each of the research studies commissioned and completed by and for the Labour Relations Task Force.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I think it might be agreed that this should stand for another week.

Mr. Speaker: Stand.

Motion stands.

[Mr. Forest.]

DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF VATICAN

Motion No. 88-Mr. Howard (Skeena):

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all telegrams, correspondence and other documents received by the Prime Minister or any other member of the government since January 1, 1969 relating to the proposal that Canada extend diplomatic recognition to the Vatican.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, dare I offer to move this one on behalf of the hon. member?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): You can try.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I shall try.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I am advised with respect to this that the correspondence concerning diplomatic recognition of the Vatican exceeds over 10,000 separate pieces. The exact number between January 1st and March 31st is 10,275, and in order to comply with the rules of the house two copies of each would have to be prepared so that more than 20,000 copies would be necessary to comply with this motion. Under the circumstances I wonder would the hon. member not prefer to withdraw the motion.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Perhaps it can stand until the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard) comes back to the house.

Mr. Speaker: Stand.

Motion stands.

HIGGIN'S REPORT ON QUEBEC INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Motion No. 95-Mr. Broadbent:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the Higgin's Report regarding the selection of the International Airport site in Quebec referred to by the Prime Minister in *Hansard* on Friday, March 28, 1969.

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the report requested in this notice of motion was tabled on Friday last, and I think the hon. member will agree that the motion may now be removed from the order paper.

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Agreed, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Dropped. Motion withdrawn.