

Motions for Papers

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Béchar: Would Your Honour call notices of motions Nos. 9, 12, 38, 39, 45 and 54? I ask that all remaining Motions be allowed to stand.

[*English*]

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN BERNARD POWER AND TRANSPORT MINISTER

Motion No. 4—Mr. Laprise:

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all correspondence exchanged between Mr. Bernard Power and the Minister of Transport, during the month of June, 1965.

Motion agreed to.

FARM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Motion No. 5—Mr. Laprise:

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of any letter addressed by the Minister of Agriculture for the province of Quebec to the federal Minister of Agriculture, dated September 9, 1964, dealing with a farm assistance program.

Motion agreed to.

RETURNS SHOWING ELECTION EXPENSES

Motion No. 6—Mr. Knowles:

That an order of the house do issue for a return showing the total amount of election expenses on behalf of each candidate in the general election of November 8, 1965, by constituencies, as indicated in the return respecting election expenses submitted by the official agent of each candidate, as required under the provisions of section 63 of the Canada Elections Act; and showing also the names of any candidates, by constituencies, on whose behalf election expense returns have not been submitted.

Motion agreed to.

WORKING PAPERS, NORRIS COMMISSION

Motion No. 9—Mr. Orlikow:

That an order of the house do issue for copies of all the working papers prepared for the Norris commission by the chartered accountants hired by the commission and deposited by Mr. Justice Norris with the Department of Labour.

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, a similar motion appeared on the order paper during the last parliament. When it was called, my immediate predecessor as Minister of Labour indicated that to accept this motion would involve a disclosure of working papers of the commission, and this is contrary to customary practice, because it would also involve a disclosure of confidential internal operations of several trade unions. My observation in this case in reference to motion No. 9 would be identical to that of my predecessor. I therefore respectfully suggest that the hon. member consider withdrawing the motion.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, when I raised this matter last session I received the answer that the minister has just given. I said then, and I repeat now, that obviously a reporter for the *Toronto Star* had access to those documents, that very large extracts were printed in the *Toronto Star* which made very serious allegations against various people, and I did not think that members of parliament should be second class citizens behind newspapermen. I would therefore request that this motion be put down for debate.

Mr. Nicholson: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the motion be transferred for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed that this motion be transferred for debate?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

AGREEMENT WITH U.S. RESPECTING AIR ROUTES

Motion No. 11—Mr. Orlikow:

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this house a copy of the agreement between the Canadian and United States governments dealing with new air routes between the two countries.

Motion agreed to.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN C.B.C. AND MAURICE SAUVÉ

Motion No. 12—Mr. Keays:

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the C.B.C. and Maurice Sauvé, electoral candidate, prior to the general elections of 1962 in relation to a decision respecting French television services in the Iles de la Madeleine, P.E.I. and Nova Scotia.

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, any correspondence of the kind referred to in notice of motion No. 12 would be the property not of the government but of the individual who wrote the letter and of the corporation. Consequently it could not be produced by the government. I understand, however, that Mr. Sauvé, who is now a member of this chamber, is quite willing to table any such material which is his private correspondence. That being the case, I ask leave of the house to table correspondence dated April 21, 1962, and May 2, 1962 between Mr. Sauvé and Mr. Alphonse Ouimet of the C.B.C.

Mr. J. R. Keays (Gaspé): That would be quite acceptable, Mr. Speaker, because I am