

Motions for Papers

That, I think, should have been brought to the attention of the house by me, if it was not done otherwise, so that a point of order might be considered as to whether the bill presented and read the first time is, in fact, legislation within the practices of the house. Certainly a bill of that kind has never been introduced before in my experience, either in this or in any other house as far as I am aware.

I do not think further action on my part is necessary now, but I point out the omission on my part so as to bring the problem to the attention of the house in order that hon. members may consider what course should be taken.

The house has read the bill and ordered it for second reading, but I do think I should call attention to the course which the house adopted at a time when it did not have the bill in its hands and could not have known what it was undertaking.

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RED RIVER FLOOD CONTROL

Motion No. 88—Mr. Chevrier (for Mr. Pickersgill):

For a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the federal government or anyone on its behalf and the government of Manitoba or anyone in its behalf since July 1, 1958, regarding the Red river floodway.

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): There is no objection to accepting this motion subject to the permission of the province being obtained, the usual provision regarding privileged documents, and an understanding that documents relating to matters under negotiation cannot be tabled at this time.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the limitations expressed by the minister, is it the pleasure of the house to adopt this motion?

Motion agreed to.

SARNIA INDIAN RESERVE—CLAIM OF CHIEF ADAMS

Motion No. 89—Mr. Chevrier (for Mr. Pickersgill):

For a copy of any communications received by the minister, or the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, or any official of that department, since November 1, 1960, regarding the claims of Chief Telford Adams, in connection with the sale of the Sarnia Indian reserve to Dimensional Investments Limited, together with copies of the replies to any such communications.

Mr. John Charlton (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): This motion can be accepted subject to the usual reservation that the consent of the government of Ontario be obtained.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the limitation expressed by the parliamentary secretary, is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

INQUEST INTO DEATH OF JOHN WASLYCHEN

Motion No. 90—Mr. Howard:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, and other documents exchanged between the government or any agency or branch thereof and any official or staff member of the penitentiary branch since January 1, 1958, regarding the death of an inmate in the British Columbia penitentiary, Mr. John Waslychen, and for a copy of the results of the inquest into Mr. Waslychen's death.

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): I have to advise the house that I am not able to accept this motion because it calls for the production of documents which have always clearly been regarded as privileged, inasmuch as it asks for the production of documents exchanged between the government or any agency or branch thereof and any official or staff member of the penitentiary branch since January 1, 1958. I am not, therefore, able to agree to the motion. I would point out, however, that a copy of the inquest referred to was tabled in this house on April 28, 1960.

Mr. Speaker: Having regard to the explanation given by the minister, does the mover wish to withdraw the motion?

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): This matter has been hushed up in secret for too long. I think the motion should be pressed.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Howard) which was negated on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Argue	Martin (Timmins)
Fisher	Pitman
Herridge	Regier—7.
Howard	

NAYS

Messrs:

Aiken	Browne (Vancouver-Kingsway)
Allmark	Campbell
Anderson	(Lambton-Kent)
Badanal	Campbell (Stormont)
Balcer	Cardiff
Baldwin	Cardin
Batten	Carter
Beech	Casselman, Mrs.
Bell (Carleton)	Charlton
Bell (Saint John-Albert)	Chevrier
Belzile	Chown
Benidickson	Churchill
Best	Clancy
Boulanger	Clermont
Bourdages	Coates
Bourque	Comtois
Browne (St. John's West)	