

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED BY CANADA AT CONFERENCE
ON ENVIRONMENTMotion No. 183—**Mr. Orlikow:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all papers including the policy documents and position papers presented by representatives of Canada in Washington at the three-day Conference on the Environment sponsored by the Atlantic Council of the United States.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Jerome: Mr. Speaker, Notices of Motions Nos. 175 and 195 are acceptable to the government subject to the usual reservations concerning confidential documents and to the authorization of the government authorities concerned.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the reservations and conditions expressed by the Parliamentary Secretary, is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motions?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO INCORPORATION AS
MUNICIPALITY OF INDIAN COMMUNITY, CAPE
MUDGE RESERVEMotion No. 175—**Mr. Barnett:**

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 between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Province of British Columbia on the subject-matter of the incorporation as a municipality of the Indian community on the Cape Mudge Indian Reserve.

Motion agreed to.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO NATIONAL PARKS IN
NOVA SCOTIAMotion No. 195—**Mr. Forrestall:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence, notes, papers and memoranda since March 20, 1970, having to do with the development of National Parks in Nova Scotia including the existing National Parks and proposals for any additional National Parks.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Jerome: Mr. Speaker, may I ask you to please call Notices of Motions Nos. 136, 166 and 192.

SURVEY OF PRIVATE MORTGAGE MARKET

Motion No. 136—**Mr. Gilbert:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the survey of the private mortgage market undertaken by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation in September, 1969 to determine whether adequate private funds for housing are available.

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the Minister without Portfolio responsible for housing advises that a series of interviews was held in September, 1969, to obtain an indication of the mortgage lending intentions of the approved lenders for 1970. It will be appreciated that,

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in order to maintain such a close liaison with the approved lenders, discussions of this nature must be considered to be in absolute confidence, and it would therefore not be in the public interest to have them disclosed. If the content of such informal surveys were disclosed, the approved lenders would not be prepared in the future—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Parliamentary Secretary is making a speech and presenting an argument. Under the rules he is entitled to indicate briefly why this motion is not being acceded to by the government. I suggest that he is going beyond what has been accepted practice until now when he makes the kind of statement he is making to the House.

Mr. Jerome: I was just about to conclude by asking the hon. member whether, under those circumstances, he would withdraw his motion.

Mr. Gilbert: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

ADVERSE EFFECTS OF CHANGE TO FLOATING DOLLAR

Motion No. 166—**Mr. Burton:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence and other documents between the government and firms or interested parties concerning adverse effects of the change to a floating dollar announced by the Minister of Finance in June, 1970.

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the government has reviewed the documents requested in this motion and has found that in most instances the correspondence related to private information about the writers' business operations. As this information is considered to be highly confidential may I ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion?

Mr. Burton: Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that the government was a lot more selective in its assurances than it led the House and the public to believe last June. I would ask that the question be put.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

COPY OF POLICY STATEMENT ISSUE TO MANPOWER
OFFICES JANUARY, 1968Motion No. 192—**Mr. Lundrigan:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the policy statement or directive issued to Manpower Offices by the Department of Manpower and Immigration in January, 1968 as referred to by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration on Tuesday, January 27, 1971.

Mr. Chas. L. Caccia (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the directive requested in this motion is part of the department's operational instructions intended to provide guidance and direction to staff in carrying out their work. As