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rocate the reasonable attitude taken by the hon. member for Waterloo (Mr. Saltsman). On December 17, of last year, when he put this motion, the reply I gave implied no refusal. I said at that time that the Economic Council of Canada intended to publish the research underpinning this report. As of today's date, it has released the first of those studies, an essay on some critical aspects of the activities of international corporations. This was done by J. N. Behrman of the University of North Carolina. The Council has supplied me with a list of additional studies it intends to release as rapidly as they can be prepared for publication. I commend them for their attitude in not just being pressured into releasing this information but for being anxious to supply it to the House as well as to the country at large. They have supplied all the information they have in the best form available. If there is any hold-up it is only because these additional studies that I will now recite are underway and are being prepared as rapidly as possible for publication.

• (5:20 p.m.)

It would be useful information for the House to know that the council intends to release the following studies which are now in the course of preparation: "Industrial Concentration in Canada", by Max Stewart of the University of Alberta; "Economic Criteria for Assessing Restrictive Trade Practices" and "Detrimental Situations that Escape Control by the Combines Investigation Act", by Don Eldon of Trent University; "The Regulation of Restrictive Practices—Recent European Experience", by James Cairns of the Royal Military College; "The Development of Canadian Antitrust Legislation", by Joel Bell, Harvard Law School; "The Economic Theory of Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks and Designs", by Brian Hindley, London School of Economics; "The History and Context of Copyright Law", by Bruce MacDonald, Queen's University; "The Meaning and Potential of the Existing Principles of Fair Dealing", by Grant Sinclair, Queen's University; and "International Copyright", by J. Hucker, Queen's University.

The council is planning on the publication, through other organizations, of the following additional studies prepared for the council under this reference: "Anti-Combines Legislation and Policy in Canada: An Overview", by Milton Moore of University of British Columbia, the publisher yet to be decided; "Some Evidence on Economic Determinants

of R & D Activity"—as an aside, I must confess that I am not sure, though the hon. members may be, what R and D activity is—the study to be made by Mr. H. E. English and E. Choudhri of Carleton University, and to be published by the Private Planning Association of Canada. The last is "Survey of Views About the Canadian Patent System and Industrial Research and Development Activities in Canada", by A. W. Wilson of the Science Council of Canada, formerly of the Economic Council, the study to be published by the Science Council of Canada.

I hope the hon. member has received this statement with some satisfaction. Again, may I say that I am pleased by the co-operation that I have had from the council in their desire to make these publications available and as widely distributed as possible at the earliest possible moment. In view of this statement, I wonder whether the hon. member feels that the matter has been adequately dealt with.

Mr. Saltsman: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think that is a very satisfactory reply. My only regret is that I did not get that answer earlier, in which case we might have avoided the situation today. I was very pleased to hear the comprehensive outline presented by the parliamentary secretary. I am quite happy to accept this explanation, subject to the option of putting the motion on again should I require further information.

Mr. Walker: If the hon. member does not put it on again, then I will.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Do I understand that the hon. member for Waterloo wishes to withdraw his motion?

Mr. Saltsman: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I would point out to the House that, according to Standing Order 50, he must have unanimous consent of the House to do so. Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Motion withdrawn.
Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

Mr. Forest: Mr. Speaker, I do not believe there are any other members who are ready to proceed with Notices of Motions for Production of Papers. I suggest that the House agree to call it six o'clock.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is that agreed?