

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the study requested was research undertaken for use by officials in programs planning and was intended solely for internal use. I would, therefore, request the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Skoberg: I call for the vote, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Some hon. Members: Chicken!

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

CONSULTANT REPORT ON GUIDANCE AND ASSESSMENT OF THE CANADIAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Motion No. 71—**Mr. Skoberg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the consultant report by the Economist Intelligent Unit on guidance and assessment of the Canadian textile industry, undertaken for the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in the fiscal year 1966-67, as mentioned in answer to Question Number 1,323 of the 1st session of this Parliament.

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce had indicated to the hon. member in previous responses this study is of a confidential nature, the release of which would be detrimental to the future relationship between the department, the consultant and the industry concerned. In view of this, the minister would ask the hon. member if he would not reconsider and withdraw his motion.

Mr. Skoberg: Mr. Speaker, I believe it is detrimental to the public of Canada not to know this and I call for the vote.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

CONSULTANT REPORT ON THE CANADIAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Motion No. 72—**Mr. Skoberg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the consultant report by Gherzi Textile Organization on the Canadian textile industry undertaken for the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in the fiscal year 1966-67, as mentioned in answer to Question Number 1,323 of the 1st session of this Parliament.

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, this study is of a confidential nature, the release of which would be detrimental to the future relationship between the department, the consultant and the industry concerned. In view of this, the minister would ask the member to kindly reconsider and withdraw his motion.

Mr. Skoberg: The same explanation, Mr. Speaker. I call for the vote.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

Motions for Papers

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE REPORTS REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF INFORMATION CANADA

Motion No. 103—**Mr. Lewis:**

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all memoranda, studies, reports, correspondence, etc., prepared by the officials in the Privy Council Office regarding the establishment of Information Canada and related matters thereto.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I move this motion on behalf of the hon. member.

Mr. Barney Danson (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the documents requested are part of the internal functions of the Privy Council office. In view of the long established principle of the House that such documents are privileged, perhaps the hon. member would agree to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, in view of the commitment of this government to participatory democracy and the giving of full information, I trust we can have a vote on this important question.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND WHITE PASS AND YUKON RAILWAY COMPANY REGARDING HIGHWAY FACILITIES

Motion No. 104—**Mr. Howard (Skeena):**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all telegrams, correspondence and other documents exchanged between the government or any agency or department thereof, and the White Pass and Yukon Railway Company since January 1, 1969 regarding highway facilities and transportation of oil or oil products.

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, a search of departmental files has revealed that there exists no correspondence under the purview of this motion. The motion is therefore not acceptable to the government and it is hoped that the hon. member will withdraw his motion.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to do that but it seems passing strange that the Minister of Public Works at one time said there was.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

HEALTH AND WELFARE—PROGRAM ON FAMILY PLANNING AND BIRTH-CONTROL CLINICS

Motion No. 113—**Mrs. MacInnis:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence between the federal government and the provincial governments regarding the Department of National Health and Welfare's program on family planning and birth-control clinics.

[Translation]

Mr. Gaston Isabelle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, as the provinces have not unanimously agreed to the publication of such correspondence, the Minister of National Health and Welfare cannot table the documents requested.