

Motion to Adjourn

4. During each of the past three years, did any Canadian companies import thread for the manufacture of their products and, if so (a) from what countries (b) in what quantities (c) at what cost?

Return tabled.

PURCHASE OF DEFENCE COMMODITIES BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES, 1965 TO 1970

Question No. 155—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

1. What defence commodities were purchased from Canada in the years 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970 by (a) Brazil (b) Burma (c) Pakistan (d) Portugal (e) United States (f) Greece (g) Republic of South Africa (h) Spain?

2. How does the government determine on a continuing basis that defence commodities are not resold to other countries, organizations and individuals?

3. What penalties are invoked for the violation of such resale agreements?

Return tabled.

[Later:]

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I should have raised it immediately following written questions but I missed the opportunity to do so.

In regard to Question No. 156 presently on the order paper having to do with Canada's observance of International Book Year, I would like to lodge a complaint once again about the erosion of the effectiveness of written questions in this House. I first placed this question on the order paper in the last session on December 14.

It was not answered up to the time the session died in February. I again placed it on the order paper on February 22, and again it has not been answered. However, in its place there was issued from the minister's department last night a news release having to do with some aspects of this question. It seems that the government finds it easier to issue press releases than to submit written answers to members' questions in the context of the rules and procedures of this House.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

ALLEGED CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF INDUSTRIAL INCENTIVES ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26, for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the potential for conflict of interest involved in the dispensing of many millions of dollars of public funds to private corporations under the Regional Development Incentives Act on advice to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion of the Industrial Incentives Advisory Board, whose members include two executive officers of corporations that received five grants totalling \$6.9 million.

[Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse).]

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Regina East has filed the notice required under the provisions of Standing Order 26. In essence, what the hon. member proposes is that the House adjourn under the terms of Standing Order 26 for the purpose of debating a policy of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion or of the government in relation to the Industrial Incentives Advisory Board.

It seems to me that Standing Order 26 is not intended to provide an opportunity for debate on such a general and wide question of policy. The hon. member is aware of the terms of subsection 16 of Standing Order 26 to the effect that the matter proposed for discussion must relate to a genuine emergency. It would seem that the matter raised by the hon. member for Regina East does not meet this test and in the circumstances his proposed motion cannot be put.

• (1450)

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, notice of motion for the production of papers No. 7 is 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 that notice of motion No. 7 be deemed to have been adopted?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MANITOBA AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATING TO NELSON RIVER POWER PROJECT

Motion No. 7—**Mr. Faulkner:**

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 between the Government of Manitoba and the Government of Canada relating to the Nelson River Power Project to date during 1971.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Jerome: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining notices of motions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, with respect to Notices of Motions Nos. 6 and 15 dealing with the Geoffroy case, since we have been denied a judicial inquiry to date may I ask when we may get an answer with respect to the production of these papers? These notices of motions have been on the order paper since the beginning of the session. I do not think there should be much difficulty producing the documents in reference to the passport that were forged. Neither should there be difficulty in producing the documents in reference to the other matters that the Solicitor General did not disclose the other day.