

Motions for Papers

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COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREEMENTS
RELATING TO FINANCING OF SUGAR CANE COMPLEX IN IVORY
COAST

Motion No. 17—Mr. Herbert:

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all correspondence, notes, minutes of meetings, documents and agreements relating to the financing by the Export Development Corporation of a cane sugar complex in the Republic of the Ivory Coast to be built by Redpath Sugars Ltd.

[English]

Mr. Hugh Poulin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the documents requested involve papers which are confidential and not of a public or official character, and their production would publish information received by EDC in confidence from sources outside the government. I would therefore ask that the hon. member withdraw his motion.

Mr. Herbert: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

[Text]

COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS RELATING TO
HERITAGE VILLAGE, NEWFOUNDLAND

Motion No. 19—Mr. Marshall:

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of all pertinent correspondence and reports between the government and the Province of Newfoundland surrounding the progress of a federal-provincial working group in the preparation of guidelines and criteria for the development of the concept and selection of a site to establish a heritage village to commemorate the Province's 25th Anniversary of Confederation.

[English]

Mr. Ed. Lumley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the answer to the question posed by the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall) is as follows. We have decided that it would not be in the best interests of federal-provincial relations to table these documents in the House of Commons at this time. The documents are confidential and relate to a federal-provincial activity. Moreover, the recommendations of the working group referred to in the inquiry do not represent the official positions of the respective governments. The recommendations of the working group have yet to be considered or approved by the two levels of government.

Mr. Paproski: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

[Text]

COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ACQUISITION
OF DE HAVILLAND AIRCRAFT CORPORATION

Motion No. 20—Mr. Whiteway:

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of the minutes of all meetings, correspondence, telegrams, contracts and/or agreements considered by the government in the acquisition of de Havilland Aircraft Corp.

[English]

Mr. Hugh Poulin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the documents

[Mr. Goodale.]

pertaining to the acquisition of de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited by the government are based on considerable internal cost information and legal and professional opinion which was freely and privately made available to the negotiators. The data base also included confidential projections of cost and market data which if published could be harmful to the company's position vis-à-vis its commercial competition. For these reasons I ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Paproski: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

[Text]

COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ACQUISITION
OF CANADIAN AIRCRAFT CORPORATION

Motion No. 21—Mr. Whiteway:

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of the minutes of all meetings, correspondence, telegrams, contracts and/or agreements considered by the government in the acquisition of Canadair Aircraft Corp.

[English]

Mr. Hugh Poulin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the documents pertaining to the acquisition of Canadair Limited by the government are based on considerable internal cost information and legal and professional opinion which was freely and privately made available to the negotiators. The data base also included confidential projections of cost and market data which if published could be harmful to the company's position vis-à-vis its commercial competition. For these reasons I ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Paproski: That is another cover-up. Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

[Text]

COPIES OF ALL MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND MATERIALS
CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE ON SEARCH AND RESCUE
OPERATIONS, LAKE WINNIPEG

Motion No. 25—Mr. Whiteway:

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of the minutes of all meetings of the interdepartmental task force on integration of government vessels and aircraft and copies of all materials considered by the committee on search and rescue operations and the patrolling of Lake Winnipeg.

[English]

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the documents requested are internal departmental documents of a confidential nature and cannot be produced. I therefore ask that the hon. member withdraw his motion.

Mr. Paproski: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.