

*Motions for Papers*

[Translation]

**Mr. Gilbert Parent (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the papers requested deal with negotiations now under way which will probably lead to an agreement between the two governments and therefore cannot be divulged. I would therefore ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Transferred for debate.

[Text]

COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE, AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO FINANCING OF SUGAR COMPLEX IN REPUBLIC OF THE IVORY COAST

Motion No. 3—**Mr. Herbert:**

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, 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.

[Translation]

**Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, the documents requested include confidential material neither public nor official. Their release would divulge information supplied on a confidential basis by the EDC and which do not come from the government. I would therefore ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have been in the habit in the past when members are not present to move these motions rather than simply demanding that someone move them on their behalf, to have them dealt with at the time they are raised. I may be taking a liberty with the procedures of the House in doing this. The hon. member for Vaudreuil (Mr. Herbert) does not happen to be in his seat at the present time. I wonder whether I could have some indication if it is agreeable that, in circumstances of this sort, it is expeditious to have the motion dealt with in this way when it is called, and to assume that it is transferred for debate. This would seem to me to be the most expeditious way to do it. Is that agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Then motion No. 3 in the name of the hon. member for Vaudreuil will be transferred for debate.

[Text]

COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO DECENTRALIZATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Motion No. 4—**Mr. Herbert:**

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all correspondence, notes, minutes of meeting and other communications relating to the decentralization of the Department of Veterans Affairs to the Province of Prince Edward Island.

[Mr. Herbert.]

[Translation]

**Mr. Gilbert Parent (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his proposal, because we are not in a position to produce the required documents which are for departmental use only and of confidential nature.

**Mr. Speaker:** Transferred for debate.

[English]

Motion No. 50, the hon. member for Brandon-Souris.

**Mr. Paproski:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, in view of the fact that the hon. member for Brandon-Souris is at the United Nations, I think motions Nos. 50, 51, 52 and 53 should stand for debate.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I think we are in a difficulty. I think we need a response. We can transfer them for debate, but not en bloc without a response from the House. I think we will have to call them individually.

[Text]

COPY OF REPORT BY HAY ASSOCIATES LIMITED

Motion No. 50—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the Report by Hay Associates Ltd., Management Consultants, concerning the management of the Post Office Department, together with a list of the recommendations implemented by the Department.

[Translation]

**Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the report prepared by Hay Associates Ltd. as well as the listing of the recommendations followed by the department are internal working documents of a confidential nature. Consequently, I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Transferred for debate.

[Text]

COPY OF RECOMMENDATIONS COMPILED IN CONJUNCTION WITH HAY ASSOCIATES LIMITED

Motion No. 51—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the recommendations compiled in conjunction with Hay Associates Limited report concerning the management of the Post Office Department.

[Translation]

**Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the recommendations compiled in conjunction with Hay Associates Limited report concerning the management of the Post Office Department are for departmental use only and confidential in nature. I therefore ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Transferred for debate.