Motions for Papers

MOUNTAINEER MOTEL COMPANY AGREEMENT

Motion No. 83-Mr. Woolliams:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the agreement (lease agreement) between the Mountaineer Motel Company Limited and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development which said agreement was disclosed in and referred to in answer to Question No. 1,271.

Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Chrétien). I wish to state as follows:

As mentioned in the Minister's answer to Question No. 1271, tabling this lease agreement without written consent of the lessee would constitute a breach of confidence between landlord and tenant. If the hon. member can obtain such written consent from the Mountaineer Motel Company Limited, then he will be pleased to tabled the document. Otherwise it must be treated as a privileged document.

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I think this will need to be transferred for debate because the liberal patronage of the Liberals is certainly not going to give me consent in this regard.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate pursuant to Standing Order 48.

DISCONTINUANCE OF CHURCH AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Motion No. 85-Mr. Orlikow:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all letters received by the Postmaster General from churches, professional organizations, trade unions, co-operatives, credit unions and private organizations, indicating that as a result of the increase in postal rates they intend to discontinue or curtail their publications.

Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, this notice of motion asks for a copy of all letters received by the Postmaster General from churches, professional organizations, trade unions, co-operatives, credit unions and private organizations that indicate that as a result of the increase in postal rates they intend to discontinue or curtail their publications. If this motion were adopted, it would be necessary to make a review would result in either the discontinuance or proposal that Canada extend diplomatic

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curtailment of the publication. Such a review would be costly. In view of this fact, perhaps the hon. gentleman would be willing to withdraw his motion.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that newspapers have been filled with reports of various organizations which have announced they have told the Postmaster General they will have to curtail their publication, I am sure, if the minister cannot find the information, I can do it when we discuss the matter at a later date.

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member asking that the matter be transferred for debate?

Mr. Orlikow: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate according to Standing Order 48.

APPLIANCE INDUSTRY REPORT

Motion No. 87-Mr. Howe:

That, an Order of the House, do issue for a copy of the document entitled "Report on the Canadian Appliance Industry in Comparison with the American and European Appliance Industries" prepared by the Departments of Industry and Trade and Commerce and dated December 30, 1968.

Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I am informed by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce that discussions have been held with the hon. member for Wellington-Grey in regard to this motion. The document referred to is not a departmental report but a compilation of information which is the property of the appliance industry, and therefore cannot be made public by the Department. The motion is not acceptable to the government and the minister hopes that the hon. member for Wellington-Grey will withdraw his motion.

Mr. W. M. Howe (Wellington-Grey): Mr. Speaker, it is hard to understand how this report, although marked confidential, was made available to the trade. However, in view of the circumstances the parliamentary secretary has stated I will be willing to drop the motion.

Mr. Speaker: Motion dropped.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, of hundreds of files because letters were not Notice of Motion No. 88 in my name asks for segregated on the basis of whether or not they the tabling of all telegrams, correspondence suggested that an increase in postal rates and other documents with regard to the