Motions for Papers

With this reservation, the government would have no objection to accepting the motion and tabling the Order in Council.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the reservations and conditions expressed by the minister, is it the pleasure of the House that Notice of Motion No. 5 be deemed to have been adopted?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

MEDICARE, ONTARIO—INSURANCE COMPANIES PARTICIPATION

Motion No. 25-Mr. Gilbert:

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before the House copies of all correspondence between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario regarding the private health insurance companies in Ontario acting as agents of the federal medical program in that province.

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise the hon. member that the correspondence referred to in this motion does not exist. Most of the negotiations between the province of Ontario and the federal government concerning that province's entry into the medical care program took the form of discussions at ministerial and official levels. In view of this perhaps there would be agreement to withdraw this motion.

Mr. Gilbert: Agreed.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

LOBBYING

Motion No. 45-Mr. Mather:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the report on Lobbying prepared for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the material referred to in this motion is part of a continuing study which was never intended for other than internal use by officials of my department and me. In view of this, I would ask whether the hon. member would withdraw his motion.

Mr. Mather: No, Mr. Speaker. I should like to have it transferred for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate. [Mr. Gray.]

MUNICIPAL SEWAGE PLANTS

Motion No. 50-Mr. Harding:

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all applications received by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation from municipalities for the period January 1, 1969 to September 30, 1969 regarding financial assistance for the construction of municipal sewage plants under the National Housing Act.

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the Minister without Portfolio informs me that such transactions are private matters between the municipalities and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. As a matter of policy the corporation does not reveal details of applications made to it by municipalities. Applications for loans under Part VIB of the National Housing Act do not take any particular form and may be very lengthy, including extensive plans and specifications for the work proposed. I therefore ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Harding: Mr. Speaker, I had asked for the applications by municipalities and I feel that these could and should be made available. May I ask that the motion be transferred for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

LOBBYING

Motion No. 76-Mr. McGrath:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of each interim and final report on lobbying prepared for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Mr. Speaker: Stand.

DISCONTINUANCE OF CHURCH AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Motion No. 100-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. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Communications informs me that this motion is not acceptable as the information requested would necessitate a review of over 5,000 files. It is estimated that several hundred man-hours would be expended in drawing files and searching for