

CONSULTANT STUDY ON COMPARATIVE CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF CHEMICAL PLANTS

Motion No. 86—**Mr. Skoberg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the consultant report by Chemical Construction Corporation on comparative construction costs of chemical plants undertaken for the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in the fiscal year 1967-68, as mentioned in answer to Question Number 1,323 of the 1st session of this Parliament.

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce cannot accept this motion since the study is part of the chemical industry study which was based largely on information received in confidence from Canadian industry and, moreover, there is an agreement between the Canadian Chemical Producers' Association and the department not to disclose this information. In view of this, I would ask that the hon. member to reconsider and withdraw his motion.

Mr. Skoberg: I will reconsider it and may resubmit it.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

CONSULTANT STUDY ON INDIAN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Motion No. 87—**Mr. Skoberg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the consultant study on Indian social development undertaken for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion in the fiscal year 1968-69, as mentioned in answer to Question Number 1,323 of the 1st session of this Parliament.

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, no final report has yet been received in connection with this study and I would therefore ask the hon. member if he would kindly withdraw his motion.

Mr. Skoberg: I would appreciate it if the motion were allowed to stand on the order paper.

Mr. Speaker: Stand.

STUDIES RELATING TO CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

Motion No. 135—**Mr. Gilbert:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all reports and studies related to the chemical industry as reported in the Annual Report of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, April 1, 1967-March 31, 1968, on page 51.

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member will recall that in response to his previous motions the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce was not able to provide the study as it is based largely upon information supplied in confidence to the department from Canadian industry. In view of this I would ask the hon. member if he would kindly withdraw this motion.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Speaker, it is time this information was made public and I would ask that this motion be transferred for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

INFORMATION ON EXTENSIVE LAY-OFFS OF WORKERS IN FOREIGN CONTROLLED FIRMS

Motion No. 159—**Mr. Saltsman:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the report undertaken in either the Department of Finance, or the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, showing information on the extensive lay-offs of workers that have recently taken place in foreign controlled firms in Canada.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I move the motion on the hon. member's behalf.

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I am advised that no report was undertaken in either the Department of Finance or the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce showing information on the extensive lay-offs of workers that have recently taken place in foreign-controlled firms in Canada. In view of this perhaps the hon. member would like to withdraw the motion.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I guess the hon. member has no option; but it might be a good idea if the government did undertake such a survey.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

Mr. Jerome: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining Notices of Motions for Papers stand.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

OBJECTIONS BY QUEBEC TO WHITE PAPER—REQUEST FOR TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour with reference to the letter he received from Mr. Cournoyer, the Quebec Minister of Labour, objecting to the white paper on unemployment insurance. Has the government of Canada rejected those objections made on behalf of the government of Quebec, and does it intend to proceed with the implementation of the white paper regardless of those objections?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, a careful analysis of the letter of November 13 which appeared this morning in *Le Devoir* does not lead to the conclusion that the province of Quebec has rejected the contemplated legislation I propose to bring forward