

Motions for Papers

Treasury Board. It is assumed that this is the study referred to in this motion. I am informed that this study has just commenced and will not be completed for at least 18 months, and I would therefore ask the member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I take it it is a good idea to have it withdrawn, and the hon. member can put down the motion in other terms later.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is dropped.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH GOVERNMENT OF
CZECHOSLOVAKIA REGARDING FARM
MACHINERY

Motion No. 347—**Mr. Gleave:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence, etc., between the Government of Canada and the Government of Czechoslovakia regarding farm machinery as referred to by the Minister of Agriculture and reported in *Hansard* of January 19, 1970 at page 2530.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, we have searched the departmental records in Canada and the records of our embassy in Prague and we have not found any correspondence or memoranda of the kind referred to in this motion.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is dropped.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining notices of motions stand?

Mr. Barnett: Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise, as I have done before, with reference to Motion No. 80 in my name which has to do with the production of certain correspondence on anti-pollution regulations, and on this occasion I would like to draw it particularly to the attention of the Minister of Transport because the subject matter is now very much to the fore in light of developments since October 23 when this motion was put on the Order Paper.

Mr. Stanfield: I should like to ask when the motion standing in my name, No. 306, is going to be brought forward. It is dated December 17, 1969, and has reference to the material received by the government in response to the request from the Minister of Finance for opinions regarding his white paper on tax-

[Mr. Forest.]

tion proposals. It may be, of course, that the Minister of Finance intends to file it as material associated with the budget that he intends to present on March 12.

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, I will look into this. As a matter of fact, I had discussed it with my department officials.

Mr. Skoberg: Mr. Speaker, I should to ask about motion No. 32, put on the Order Paper on October 23, in regard to the functions and responsibilities of the Department of Transport and the reorganization of that department. I wonder when I may expect a reply.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the hon. member's question will be looked into by someone on behalf of the government. For the moment I will ask the House whether the other motions shall stand.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SOUTH AFRICA—POLICY OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the dissatisfaction expressed by the Prime Minister with regard to the government's policy toward South Africa, I should like to ask the Minister whether he can state what the policy is? Do we continue to condemn South Africa for its apartheid policies, do we continue to encourage trade with South Africa, or do we continue with both these policies?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I shall, of course, allow the Secretary of State for External Affairs to answer the question asked by the Leader of the Opposition, but I think I should take notice that the Leader of the Opposition is asking the minister to state the policy of the government. Perhaps the minister would give a short statement rather than a statement which would normally be made on motions.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, as you have suggested, this is not the time for a statement on government policy on such a matter. There are other occasions and the particular occasion will be the tabling of the white paper on Canadian foreign policy.