

Motions for Papers

Mr. Balcer: I should like to add—

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Has the hon. member leave to revert to the previous business?

Some hon. Members: No.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS**F-104G AIRCRAFT—MANUFACTURE IN CANADA**

Motion No. 23—Mr. Pickersgill (for Mr. Hellyer):

For a copy of any invitations or papers in the possession of the Department of Defence Production requesting submissions from aircraft companies in respect to the manufacture in Canada of the F-104G aircraft, and copies of each of the submissions received.

Hon. Raymond O'Hurley (Minister of Defence Production): Mr. Speaker, in regard to this motion I can agree to accept the first part covering invitations and papers requesting submissions from aircraft companies in respect to the manufacture of the F-104G aircraft, or of the CF-104 as it is now known.

With regard to the second part of the motion—that is, for copies of each of the submissions received—these detailed proposals contain considerable classified information as to aircraft specifications, special equipments and delivery schedules of both the Canadian and German versions of the F-104G aircraft, as well as much confidential information regarding capital structure, commercial development plans, production techniques, and future planning of each of the three companies concerned.

I have discussed these aspects with the hon. member for Trinity (Mr. Hellyer), and he has agreed to accept in lieu of the detailed submissions a financial summary of the two lowest cost proposals received, which I am prepared to furnish.

Mr. Pickersgill: That is quite satisfactory to the hon. member for Trinity, who asked me to speak on his behalf.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the amendment which has been agreed upon by the mover of this motion, is it the pleasure of the house to accept the motion?

Motion agreed to.

FOREST ACCESS ROADS AND TRAILS PROGRAM

Motion No. 36—Mr. Argue:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, and other documents exchanged between the federal government and each provincial government since June 1, 1957, regarding the forest access roads and trails program.

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): When this matter arose on Monday I asked the hon.

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member for Assiniboia (Mr. Argue) if he would consider an offer to look at the files and indicate the documents he wanted, and we would table those. I made this offer in order to save a good deal of work in going over hundreds of documents, and in order to save the taxpayers' money. The hon. member asked that the motion stand. I think he should either accept the offer or reject it; then I will be able to govern myself accordingly.

Mr. Argue: Mr. Speaker, I reject the offer, because I think it is improper for the minister to place this barrier in the way of the house asking for the production of these papers. These are an exchange of papers between the federal government and the provincial governments. The government can produce the correspondence, as has been done previously, from one provincial government at a time. I think this motion is very much in order.

Mr. Speaker: Order; the motion is not debatable. The hon. member is not prepared to accept the limited motion. Therefore I put the question, does the minister wish to make the usual reservations with regard to provincial correspondence?

Mr. Hamilton (Ou'Appelle): I am quite prepared to accept the motion with the usual reservation, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the usual reservation as expressed by the minister, is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

CAMP GROUND AND PICNIC AREA PROGRAM

Motion No. 38—Mr. Argue:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, and other documents exchanged between the federal government and the government of each province since June 1, 1957, regarding the camp ground and picnic area development program undertaken by the federal-provincial governments.

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): I have no objection to this motion, Mr. Speaker, subject to the usual reservations.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the limitation expressed by the minister, is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

BILL OF RIGHTS

Motion No. 40—Mr. Argue:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, and other documents exchanged between the federal government and each of the provincial governments since February 3, 1959, concerning a bill of rights.