

Motions for Papers

Leeds (Mr. Cossitt) has raised a point of order, calling to the attention of the House the fact that his question has been on the order paper for some time and has not been answered. That point of order has now been rather fully discussed and I think we should move on to something else.

Mr. Cossitt: I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

An hon. Member: Sit down.

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker, a few moments ago the Prime Minister said, if I recall his words correctly, "if you want me influenced by this then I would see that these things are revealed". I should think that, in fact, this is an improper thing to be said to this House, and is in effect threatening this House—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Cossitt:—he should make them public and treat the House with more respect and less arrogance—

Some hon. Members: Order, order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure the hon. member realizes that he is raising a point of discussion or debate and not a question of privilege.

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[English]

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, notice of motion for production of papers No. 31 is acceptable to the government.

COPY OF NAMES OF CONSULTING FIRMS ELIGIBLE TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO CIDA

Motion No. 31—Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of a list of names and addresses of consulting firms eligible to provide professional services to CIDA and the total amount of money paid to each firm for the years 1973-74 and 1974-75.

Motion agreed to.

COPIES OF PRESS RELEASES RELATED TO EXTERNAL AID PROGRAMS

Motion No. 29—Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of the press releases relating to the projects (a) Cadastre program in Morocco (b) National Library for Ivory Coast (c) Educational television for Ivory Coast (d) Automated bakery in Tanzania (e) 11 Twin Otter Stol planes for Indonesia (f) Microwave system for Zaire (g) Uplands Sugar Mill, Barbados (h) Hydro Studies, Salto Grenade, Argentina (i) Electric Power, Electrobras, Northeast Distribution, Brazil (j) Earth Satellite Station, Pakistan (k) Cimmyt, Mexico, International Development

[Mr. Speaker.]

Research Centre (l) Cyat, Colombia, International Development Research Centre (m) Derro Tetouan project, Morocco.

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, notice of motion for production of papers No. 29 is acceptable in so far as part a, e, i, j, k, l and m are concerned. In so far as parts b, c, d, f, g, and h are concerned, no press releases were issued.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the reservations and conditions expressed by the parliamentary secretary, is it the pleasure of the House that notice of motion No. 29 is deemed to be adopted?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Reid: Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call notices of motions for production of papers, Nos. 15, 28 and 30?

COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ABORTION AND/OR SECTION 251, CRIMINAL CODE

Motion No. 15—Mr. Leggatt:

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence between the Minister of Justice and the Attorneys General and Ministers of Health of the provinces dealing with the subject of abortion and/or Section 251 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, correspondence between the department or Minister of Justice and the attorneys general of the provinces concerning abortion and/or Section 251 of the Criminal Code contains confidential communications. I would, therefore, ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Leggatt: Mr. Speaker, may that be transferred for debate?

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH CBC PERTAINING TO PROGRAMME "BAPTIZING"

Motion No. 28—Mr. Dinsdale:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence with CBC pertaining to the programme "Baptizing", presented on the CBC national TV network on Sunday evening, January 19, 1975.

Mr. Gustave Blouin (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I am advised by the CBC as follows: The correspondence in question is confidential as between the correspondents and the CBC. The CBC welcomes reactions to programs and the effect of publication of the correspondence would be to create a reluctance on the part of interested parties to comment in writing to the CBC about its programs.

An hon. Member: Nonsense.

Mr. Blouin: Under the circumstances, the hon. member may wish to withdraw his motion.