

Motions for Papers

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, would you kindly call notices of motions Nos. 387, 437 and 438?

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining notice of motions be allowed to stand.

[English]

VIET NAM—CORRESPONDENCE FROM MRS. CLAIR CULHANE AND DR. ALJE VENEMMA

Motion No. 387—Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence with and reports to the Prime Minister, Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Canadian International Development Agency from Mrs. Clair Culhane and Dr. Alje Venemma with respect to their observations concerning Canada's involvement in foreign aid to Vietnam, possible misuse of Canadian aid and reported atrocities.

An hon. Member: Stand.

Mr. Speaker: Stand.

MAIL TRANSPORT, MONTREAL—BRIEF BY PIERRE BRETON TO GOLDENBERG COMMISSION

Motion No. 437—Mr. Orlikow:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the brief submitted by Pierre Breton of the G. Lapalme Inc. to the H. Carl Goldenberg Commission of Inquiry into Mail Transport in Montreal.

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am informed by Mr. Goldenberg that the brief was prepared by Mr. Pierre Breton in a private capacity with the assurance that it would be treated as confidential. In view of this trust the hon. member will agree to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Orlikow: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is dropped. Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

MONTREAL MAIL TRANSPORT—BRIEFS, ETC., TO GOLDENBERG COMMISSION

Motion No. 438—Mr. Orlikow:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all memoranda, correspondence, briefs, tables and submissions presented to the Commission of Inquiry into Mail Transport in Montreal.

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am informed by Mr. Goldenberg that no papers or briefs were submitted to the commission at public hearings as none were held. Two papers were received from parties on a private basis on the understanding that they would be treated as confidential. In view of this I trust the hon. member will agree to withdraw this motion.

Mr. Orlikow: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order which I believe affects all members of the House. We have had two cases in a row where there has been a reservation of public documentation because people have felt they could make submissions without having their submissions presented to the House. I think that is wrong because the result of the agreement reached between the private individual who presents a brief or the like and somebody outside the House is that members are debarred from seeing the document.

Mr. Speaker: With respect, I suggest to the hon. member that this is hardly a point of order. I think this would be the very point which would be debated if the minister, for good or other reasons, refused to table the documents. The member who put the motion, in this case the hon. member for Winnipeg North, then has the option to ask that the motion be transferred for debate.

Mr. McCleave: Surely this is a question of privilege affecting all members of the House.

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, I do not, of course, accept the argument which has been put forward by the government. I have expressed my opinion before that there is too much secrecy. I ask that this motion be transferred for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate. Shall the remaining Notices of Motions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

FINANCE

STOCK MARKET DECLINE—ANTI-INFLATION POLICY—CONSUMER CREDIT REGULATIONS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I wish to direct a question to the