Motions for Papers

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO CONSOLIDATION OF RESERVATION OFFICES OF AIR CANADA

Motion No. 173-Mr. Orlikow:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all papers including the Feasibility Study commissioned by Air Canada in respect to the consolidation of reservation offices of Air Canada in Canada, including estimates as to the savings to be made by the Company, the reduction in staff complement, etc.

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the information in question relates directly to the internal operation of the company and is thus considered privileged. In these circumstances the hon. member may be willing to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Orlikow: In my opinion the information relates much more directly to the service the customers get and to what happens to the employees. I therefore think we ought to have this information. I should like the question to be put.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. It arises out of the observation Your Honour made a few moments ago that a representative of the ministry should stand up and ask that a motion be transferred for debate or that it be disposed of in some other way as permitted by the rules. I would suggest that the same rule should apply in the case of Standing Order 43 and that whoever opposes a motion made under that Standing Order should stand up and so indicate.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: The hon, member will recognize that my suggestion was not that a member of the government should rise. I just wanted to make sure that I would hear the request of the government. This is the only requirement I am suggesting under the terms of this Standing Order.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PRESIDENT OF CNR AND MINISTER OF TRANSPORT CONCERNING CNR PENSION PLAN

Motion No. 177-Mr. Skoberg:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the correspondence, dated September 17, 1970, between the President of the CNR and the Minister of Transport outlining the company's position on the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications concerning the CNR Pension Plan.

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The policy concerning communications relating to the internal affairs of Canadian National Railways, as upheld by Parliament, is that such material is confidential. In these circumstances the hon. member may be willing to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Skoberg: I believe the Canadian National pension fund should not be that confidential and that the corre-

spondence should be made available. I call for the question.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND CNR CONCERNING CNR PENSION PLAN

Motion No. 178-Mr. Skoberg:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence between the Minister of Transport and the CNR pertaining to recommendations of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications concerning the CNR Pension Plan.

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The policy concerning communications relating to the internal affairs of Canadian National Railways, as upheld by Parliament, is that such material is confidential. In these circumstances the hon. member may be willing to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Skoberg: The same comment applies.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

COPY OF TREASURY BOARD MINUTE NO. 697478

Motion No. 191-Mr. Burton:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of Treasury Board Minute No. 697478 dated May 28, 1970.

Mr. Alastair Gillespie (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board): As the Treasury Board is a committee of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, it is not the practice to make public the minutes of the meetings of the board, and in these circumstances I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Burton: Since there are other references to this Treasury Board minute in public documents I would ask that this motion be put.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

Mr. Jerome: I ask that the remaining notices of motion be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Burton: With respect to Notices of Motions for the Production of Papers, could the parliamentary secretary look into motion No. 168 which has been on the order paper in my name since December 14? Would he ensure that this motion is brought forward soon, especially since the estimates will be coming before committees shortly?

Mr. Jerome: I will look into it, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Speaker.]