

Motions for Papers

REPORTS PREPARED FOR JUNE BUDGET

Motion No. 207—Mr. Saltzman:

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of the studies on the impact of deferred capital allowances, taxes on air fares, speed-ups, in bringing about the final three stages of the Kennedy Round tariff reductions and any other reports, studies, or reviews etc. prepared for the June Budget brought down by the Minister of Finance.

Mr. H. E. Gray (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, any reports, studies or reviews within the scope of this notice of motion would have been internal working papers prepared only for the information of the minister, and it has been the invariable practice to consider such material as privileged. The government's decisions on these matters and the reasons for them were set forth in the budget brought down by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Benson) on June 3. In view of this fact, it is hoped that the hon. member will agree to withdraw his notice of motion.

Mr. Max Saltzman (Waterloo): Transferred for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate pursuant to standing order 48.

KAISER JEEP CANADA LTD.—DISCONTINUANCE OF PRODUCTION

Motion No. 224—Mr. Broadbent:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence between the Government of Canada and Kaiser Jeep Canada Ltd. regarding the discontinuation of its production activities in Canada.

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Pepin) wishes to inform the hon. member that correspondence related to this motion is of a proprietary nature and therefore confidential and cannot be tabled. The minister would request that the hon. member withdraw his motion.

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Transferred for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate pursuant to Standing Order 48.

Shall the remaining notices of motion stand?

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I may direct [Mr. Speaker.]

attention to my notice of motion for the production of papers No. 189, having to do with a copy of the report of a special committee on increasing the pensions of retired public servants. I wonder when I may expect a return to that notice of motion? It has been on the order paper since May 26.

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

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I could not read the lips of the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Drury).

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BIAFRA—RED CROSS RELIEF—INTERGOVERNMENTAL DISCUSSIONS ON ACTION—ARMS SHIPMENTS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs, now that mass starvation seems to be imminent in Nigeria as well as Biafra as a result of the forced withdrawal of the Red Cross, whether he can say if it is still the position of the Canadian government that all Canadian relief aid should be channelled through the Red Cross.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker. I am sure, like the Leader of the Opposition, other members of the house and all Canadians, we are deeply distressed by these recent events. From the news available to us, it appears that on both sides political and military considerations are taking precedence over the lives of innocent people. On Friday the Prime Minister sent a message to General Gowon of the F.M.G. in which he reminded the Nigerian head of state of the deep and continuing concern of the Canadian people for the innocent suffering as a result of the conflict.

We are consulting with other interested governments concerning what should be done under these circumstances. We have been in touch already with the Canadian Red Cross and this afternoon I shall be seeing a representative of Canairelief to discuss his views. We are, of course, not yet in a position to formulate our policy for the future because there are some elements of uncertainty which we would like to clarify first.