

wish that the hon. member is suggesting ought to be the day-to-day practice in relation to this Standing Order. But the Chair, without wishing to protect anyone, has to interpret the Standing Order in the way it has always been interpreted, and that is that there are these alternatives open. If a minister of the Crown or the member proposing the motion asks that a motion be transferred for debate, I have no alternative but to accept that it be transferred for debate.

The point raised by the hon. member and the precedents he cited are interesting and are an indication that he has considered the matter seriously as it deserves to be so considered. It is the kind of very serious situation in relation to private members' business which I hope will be considered some day by hon. members, perhaps in the committee to which the hon. member referred. But clearly I have no authority except to ask whether it is the wish of the House to vote on the hon. member's motion or to have it transferred for debate.

Mr. Foster: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

COPY OF APPLICATION OF "CROSS-CULTURAL
COMMUNICATION" RELATING TO MULTICULTURALISM
GRANT

Motion No. 4—Mr. Hellyer:

That an Order of the House do issue for production of copies of the application of "Cross-Cultural Communication Centre—Toronto" in respect of the \$8,000 grant announced by the Minister of State for Multiculturalism on October 3, 1973 and all correspondence to and from the government in respect thereof.

Hon. Stanley Haidasz (Minister of State): Mr. Speaker, these papers contain or refer to information provided in confidence to the department. In the circumstances the hon. member may wish to withdraw his motion.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): I think the minister shows terrible effrontery when he says this is privileged information. I reiterate that in my opinion this is a terrible abuse of the privileges of parliament by the minister.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

COPY OF APPLICATION OF "CENTRE CHINOIS DE QUÉBEC,
ENR., QUÉBEC" RELATING TO MULTICULTURALISM GRANT

Motion No. 5—Mr. Hellyer:

That an Order of the House do issue for production of copies of the application of "Centre Chinois de Québec, Enr., Québec" in respect of the \$5,000 grant announced by the Minister of State for Multiculturalism on October 3, 1973 and all correspondence to and from the government in respect thereof.

Hon. Stanley Haidasz (Minister of State): Mr. Speaker, these papers contain or refer to information provided in confidence to the department. In the circumstances the hon. member may wish to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

Oral Questions

COPY OF APPLICATION OF "BLACK YOUTH TELEVISION
WORKSHOP, MONTREAL" RELATING TO MULTICULTURALISM
GRANT

Motion No. 6—Mr. Hellyer:

That an Order of the House do issue for production of copies of the application of "Black Youth Television Workshop, Montreal" in respect of the \$6,500 grant announced by the Minister of State for Multiculturalism on October 3, 1973 and all correspondence to and from the government in respect thereof.

Hon. Stanley Haidasz (Minister of State): Mr. Speaker, these papers contain or refer to information provided in confidence to the department.

Some hon. Members: Secrecy!

Mr. Haidasz: In the circumstances the hon. member may wish to withdraw his motion.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): Since the information requested would obviously, in the opinion of Mr. McCabe and Mr. Ostry, be embarrassing to the government, I seem to have no alternative but to request that the motion be transferred for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

[*Translation*]

Shall the remaining notices stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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AIR TRANSPORT

POSSIBLE WORK STOPPAGE BY AIRLINE PILOTS—ACTION BY
MINISTER—SUGGESTED APPOINTMENT OF MEDIATOR

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. I should like to ask the minister whether he is aware of the contents of the communications from the Airline Pilots' Association to Mr. Pratte of Air Canada indicating that the pilots may leave their jobs tonight at midnight? If so, what action, if any, is the minister taking in this connection?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): I am aware of the request by the pilots. This is a problem, of course, for Air Canada to decide with the pilots.

Some hon. Members: No!

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): It is a matter for collective bargaining with the company. There is no other way. The same negotiations took place with the other unions, and Air Canada is now considering the request of the pilots. As soon as a decision is reached it will be communicated to the public.

Mr. Stanfield: I should like to ask the minister whether, in view of the very serious trouble which would be caused