

Motions for Papers

Commerce, the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, or any official of either of their departments, or by any one on their respective behalf, of any discussion or discussions with Mr. Frank McMahon, connected with or relative to any offer by him and his associates to build or construct a gas pipe line between the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary and eastern Canada.

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I must take exception to this motion concerning memoranda of telephone conversations. I have had a good many telephone conversations in my life, and I have never made a memorandum of any of them. This is a declaration that a minister of the crown cannot talk on the telephone or talk with anyone without tabling a memorandum of the conversation. I think that is going far beyond the purpose of motions for the production of papers. If there is a document which has been received from anyone outside of my own staff I will be only too pleased to table it, but when it comes to tabling memoranda of talks with persons or telephone conversations I must take exception.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. member wish me to ask for the yeas and nays?

Hon. George A. Drew (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, before the question is put and since there is a *Hansard* record it might be well to point out that there is no mention here of telephone conversations.

Mr. Fulton: Have there been any?

Mr. Drew: This injection of a statement by the Minister of Trade and Commerce which seeks to create an entirely different situation than is in fact created by the question itself is something which I regret to say occurs too often. I am making this statement for the purpose of keeping the record clear that the question simply asks for any memoranda that were made. The observations made by the minister in regard to telephone conversations have no relation whatever to this question.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. member wish me to ask for the yeas and nays?

Mr. Diefenbaker: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: Those in favour of this motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: Those opposed to this motion will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the members.

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Diefenbaker) which was negatived on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Aitken, Miss	Low
Argue	Macdonnell
Bell	MacInnis
Blackmore	MacLean
Blair	McBain
Brooks	McGregor
Bryson	McLeod
Cameron (Nanaimo)	Michener
Campbell	Mitchell (London)
Cardiff	Monteith
Castleden	Montgomery
Charlton	Murphy (Lambton West)
Churchill	Nesbitt
Coldwell	Nicholson
Diefenbaker	Pallett
Dinsdale	Pearkes
Drew	Perron
Dufresne	Poulin
Fleming	Quelch
Fraser (Peterborough)	Rea
Fulton	Robinson (Bruce)
Gagnon	Smith (Battle River- Camrose)
Green	Stanton
Hahn	Starr
Hamilton (Notre Dame de Grace)	Thatcher
Harkness	Tustin
Hodgson	White (Hastings- Frontenac)
Johnson (Kindersley)	White (Middlesex East)
Johnston (Bow River)	Winch
Jones	Wylie
Knight	Zaplitny—64.
Leboe	
Lennard	

NAYS

Messrs:

Anderson	Forge
Applewhaite	Fraser (St. John's East)
Arsenault	Gardiner
Ashbourne	Garland
Batten	Garson
Benidickson	Gauthier (Lake St. John)
Bennett	Gauthier (Nickel Belt)
Blanchette	Gauthier (Portneuf)
Boisvert	Gingras
Bourget	Gingues
Bourque	Goode
Brisson	Gour (Russell)
Brown (Brantford)	Gourd (Chapleau)
Brown (Essex West)	Habel
Buchanan	Hanna
Byrne	Harris
Cameron (High Park)	Harrison
Campney	Healy
Cannon	Hellyer
Cardin	Henderson
Caron	Henry
Carrick	Hollingworth
Carter	Hosking
Cauchon	Houck
Cloutier	Howe (Port Arthur)
Dechene	Huffman
Decore	Hunter
Denis	James
Deschatelets	Jutras
Dickey	Kickham
Dupuis	Kirk (Antigonish- Guysborough)
Enfield	Kirk (Shelburne- Yarmouth-Clare)
Eudes	LaCroix
Fairey	
Follwell	
Fontaine	