

Motions for Papers

COPPER EXPORT PERMITS—JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER, 1969

Motion No. 18—**Mr. Saltsman:**

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all export permits granted for copper exports for the period January 1, 1969 to September 30, 1969.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I move this motion on behalf of the hon. member.

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member will recall in response to his earlier motion, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce cannot comply with this request since details on applications for export permits are treated as confidential and are communicated only to persons legally entitled to such information. If it is helpful, I could add that the total number of permits for copper exports in that period is 1,581—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the Parliamentary Secretary that according to our rules he is not entitled to give that information at this stage of our proceedings and that he can only indicate whether he is prepared to answer the motion.

Mr. Howard (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker, I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion in view of the comments I have made.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, in view of the comment that it is only those who are legally entitled to this information who may receive it, I would suggest that surely Parliament is legally entitled to do so.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

DRUGS—DRYING UP OF EUROPEAN SOURCES OF SUPPLY BY INTERNATIONAL FIRMS

Motion No. 29—**Mr. Orlikow:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the evidence collected by the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs showing that some of the international drug firms are trying to dry up the sources of supply in European countries, as treated by the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs in an address to the International Organization of Consumer Unions on June 29, 1970.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the information referred to in this motion was received on a confidential basis and its disclosure would seriously prejudice the sources of information on our lower cost drug program. Therefore I would ask the hon. member to withdraw the motion.

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, if the minister had said that on the basis of the information the government was going to take some legal action to stop this practice I would have agreed, but since he did not I cannot agree.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

[Mr. Speaker.]

EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES UNDER DEFENCE PRODUCTION SHARING AGREEMENT

Motion No. 54—**Mr. Broadbent:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of a list of all Canadian firms exporting products to the United States, under the Canada-U.S. Defence Production Sharing Agreement from its inception in 1959 to November 30, 1969, listing the specific materials, components, etc., exported and the dollar aggregates involved.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I move this motion on behalf of the hon. member.

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce has reviewed the hon. member's second request and is unable to comply since the information is commercially confidential affecting the competitive position of participating companies. However, the minister would be prepared to table estimates of the dollar aggregates and a list of names of companies interested in participating in the production sharing program, if this would be acceptable.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): May I accept that, Mr. Speaker, subject to the hon. member's right to put another motion on the Order Paper if he is not satisfied.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the reservations and conditions expressed by the Parliamentary Secretary, is it the pleasure of the House that Motion 54 be deemed to have been adopted?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

STUDY REGARDING EFFECTS OF INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

Motion No. 65—**Mr. Skoberg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the study undertaken in the Department of Regional Economic Expansion regarding the effects of increase in freight rates on regional economic expansion as mentioned by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion and reported in *Hansard* of March 18, 1970 at page 5184.

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the department studies the impact of various federal programs as part of a continuing appraisal of slow growth regions. However, this is designed to assist in drafting policies and programs rather than to produce formal reports. Therefore, since there is no report which could be tabled I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Skoberg: Mr. Speaker, even though there is no report, in view of the freight rate increase of six per cent I think some information should be given to the House.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.