

mining and mineral processing industries as indicated at page 33 of the 1968-69 Annual Report of the Department.

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

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the preliminary investigations on foreign ownership, referred to on page 33 of the 1968-69 annual report of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, are continuing. They have not yet reached the report stage. It is anticipated that one phase will be completed for publication within the next few months. I would, therefore, ask that the hon. member withdraw his motion.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Perhaps the motion could stand. My reason for asking that it stand is the statement that the studies are not yet completed. The motion can stand until the information is available.

Mr. Speaker: Stand.

REGULATIONS ON OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF URANIUM INDUSTRY

Motion No. 410—**Mr. Saltsman:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence, memoranda, etc., between the Government of Canada and industry in Canada since January, 1970, regarding regulations on the ownership and control of the uranium industry in Canada.

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

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I am informed by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources that correspondence received from uranium producing and exploration companies contains information specifically requested by the government and given with the assurance it would be treated as confidential. In view of this, I trust the hon. member will agree to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate. Shall the remaining Notices of Motions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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DRUGS

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF REPORT OF LEDAIN COMMISSION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Now that the minister has received the interim report of the LeDain commission on the non-medical use of drugs, can he inform the House when this report will be made public? Also, can he assure the House that publication and tabling of the report in the House will not be held up because of any differences of opinion that there may be among his colleagues with regard to the implementation of any recommendations contained in the report?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): As far as any differences among my colleagues are concerned, this is strictly hypothetical. I have not brought the matter before my colleagues in the government for consideration with regard to publication or any other matter connected with the report.

Mr. Stanfield: Will the minister not agree, in view of the intense public interest in the subject of the report and the great public need for information and discussion of the subject as has been emphasized by the minister himself from time to time, quite apart from the fact that the public is paying for the study, that it is urgent that the report be tabled regardless of any previous discussion taking place?

Mr. Speaker: I respectfully suggest to the Leader of the Opposition that the question as asked is in an argumentative form. The Leader of the Opposition is asking whether the minister does not agree that in view of certain circumstances the report should be tabled. That is obviously an argument, and the question is not acceptable in that form.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, may I rephrase the question and ask the minister whether, in view of the considerations outlined in the improper question I just asked, he will not table the report immediately?

Mr. Munro: I am sure that some of the observations the Leader of the Opposition has made will be considered by the cabinet along with other factors when a decision is made.