

Motions for Papers

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The parliamentary secretary is making a speech. I suggest to him that if comment is to be made it should be brief and not in the form of a speech.

Mr. Jerome: Mr. Speaker, the motion is therefore acceptable except in so far as correspondence from the Prime Minister's office is concerned. If the hon. member is prepared to agree to this, we can comply with the rest of the motion.

Mr. Macquarrie: Mr. Speaker, I simply cannot believe that that particular office is shorthanded.

Mr. Jerome: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

COPY OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO
ADVERSE EFFECTS OF CHANGE TO A FLOATING DOLLAR

Motion No. 16—**Mr. Burton:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence and other documents between the government and firms or interested parties concerning adverse effects of the change to a floating dollar announced by the Minister of Finance in June, 1970.

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the material requested in this motion has been examined and in most instances it gives detailed private information about the writer's business operations. As this information is considered to be highly confidential I would hope that the hon. member might withdraw his motion.

Mr. Burton: Mr. Speaker, I had hoped that the government might have had a change of heart since the last session, but apparently not. Therefore, I call for the question to be put.

Mr. Jerome: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

[Translation]

Shall the remaining motions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[English]

Mr. Burton: Mr. Speaker, on several occasions I have made inquiries about notice of motion No. 18 concerning correspondence and other documents involving the sale of land at the Regina Airport. This was turned down in the last session on the grounds that the matter was still under negotiation. The matter has long since been settled. I have raised the question several times in the House, and I do not understand why the parliamentary secretary is not in a position to bring the motion forward.

Mr. Howe: Mr. Speaker, standing in my name on the order paper since April 13 there is a motion in regard to the second international airport in Toronto. Some weeks ago the Minister of Transport indicated he would be willing to present all the papers involved to the House and answer all questions in the House. I cannot understand

[Mr. Jerome.]

why four weeks have passed since I put down the motion without the papers being supplied, and I sincerely hope the parliamentary secretary will look into it.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES—COMPLETION OF REVIEW OF POSITION BY CANADIAN GOVERNMENT—RESUMPTION OF DISCUSSIONS—REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON DISC

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister who will recall that at the time of the visit to Canada by President Nixon both countries undertook to review their respective positions regarding differences between them on trading matters. I would like to ask the Prime Minister whether the government of Canada has now completed its review of its position on this matter?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I am afraid there is nothing to report at this time, Mr. Speaker. Both countries are carrying out the intentions they announced.

Mr. Stanfield: Has there been any discussion between the two countries on when conversations between the two governments respecting these difficulties will resume?

Mr. Trudeau: No formal consultation, Mr. Speaker.

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Mr. Stanfield: I have one further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, to the Secretary of State for External Affairs who expressed the view that it would be in the interests of the United States to disclose to the government of Canada the effect of DISC upon corporations exporting to Canada from that country. Has a formal request for this information been made to the United States administration and, if so, has any response been received?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, my colleague the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce will be dealing with all these matters when he participates in the budget debate.

CANADA—UNITED STATES—REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE THAT MINISTER WILL MAKE DETAILED REPORT EARLY IN BUDGET DEBATE

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the government House leader which relates directly to the previous question. In view of the fact the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce has committed himself to the House to make a detailed report on the auto pact discussions, the DISC legislation and auto pact prices, would the government House leader give us an assurance now that the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce will take part in that debate on the