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2.00 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

The honourable Member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Skoberg) having raised a question of privilege as to the form of the Returns to Orders of the House, presented to the House on February 23, 1970, as follows:

Return to an Order of the House, dated February 18, 1970, for a copy of the study of Barriers to Manpower Mobility undertaken for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion in the fiscal year 1967-68, as mentioned in answer to Question Number 1,323 for the past Session.—(*Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 224*).—Sessional Paper No. 3/224.

Return to an Order of the House, dated February 18, 1970, for a copy of the consultant report on evaluation criteria, ARDA and FRED and computer programs undertaken for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion in the fiscal year 1968-69, as mentioned in answer to Question Number 1,323 of the past Session.—(*Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 227*).—Sessional Paper No. 3/227A.

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: I am not sure whether the honourable Member has a point of order or a point of privilege but certainly he has a point. The return presented by the department obviously is not in the conventional or traditional form. It seems to me that if a return is to be of any value to an honourable Member it should be presented in a form that will convey to the Member the information he is seeking and which the House has ordered he should receive. I suggest that this requirement is not met by the filing by way of reply of material which cannot be interpreted without the use of a mechanical device.