

honourable Member has referred and of the practice of the House. Honourable Members know that a committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records. The fundamental question is whether a committee, without reference and submission to the House, has the authority to exercise that power in every case.

The honourable Member for Greenwood in his question of privilege, suggests that the House should study immediately the problem posed by the refusal of CIDA's president to produce a certain document to the committee.

Can the committee, on its own, without reporting officially to the House, take any coercive steps against the witness? Can the committee, on its own authority, conclude in judgment: Down with Gérin-Lajoie? The Chair will have to think about it seriously.

For the moment I think it would be the sense of the House that rather than embark on extended debate on the question of privilege raised by the honourable Member for Greenwood, the Chair should be given an opportunity to reflect on the matter, taking into account the representations of the honourable Member and the precedents.

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Mr. Lachance, from the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence, presented the First Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of Tuesday, April 30, 1974 and Tuesday, May 7, 1974 (*Issues Nos. 13 and 16*) is reported.

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*(The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 16 to the Journals.)*

Mr. Isabelle, from the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, April 23, 1974, your Committee has considered Bill C-22, An Act respecting Canadian Professional Football, and has agreed to report it with the following amendments:

*Clause 4*

Delete line 26, in the French version on page 3, and substitute the following therefor:

“dienne doit veiller à ce que, pendant toute la durée”

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Your Committee has ordered a reprint of Bill C-22 as amended for the use of the House of Commons at the report stage.

A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence relating to this Bill (*Issues Nos. 11 and 12*) is tabled.

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*(The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 17 to the Journals.)*

Pursuant to Standing Order 43, on motion of Mr. Herbert, seconded by Mr. Foster, it was resolved,—That this House expresses its desire that the proposed increases to War Veterans Allowances be approved at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre), by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-235, An Act to amend the Identification of Criminals Act, which was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The following Bill from the Senate was read the first time and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House:

Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Animal Contagious Diseases Act.—*Mr. Whelan.*

Pursuant to Standing Order 39(4), the following seven Questions were made Orders of the House for Returns:

No. 18—*Mr. Mazankowski*

By department, what were the expenditures for taxis by messengers and other staff, in the Ottawa-Hull area, for the months of July, August, September, October, November and December, 1973 and January, 1974?—Sessional Paper No. 292-2/18.

No. 267—*Mr. Nystrom*

1. What was the total amount of money spent in each of the fiscal years 1972-73 and 1973-74 to date by the Department of Agriculture on contracts to outside persons and organizations for research, development and other consulting services?

2. What are the names and addresses of these outside persons and organizations and what amounts of money were involved in each contract?

3. What was the purpose of each contract and title of each report submitted?—Sessional Paper No. 292-2/267.