

Motions for Papers

document since it contains confidential information supplied to the board by individual refineries. However, the board has prepared "A Summary of National Energy Board Survey of Ontario Refinery Capacity" which is unclassified. If the hon. member would consent to withdraw his motion, I would be prepared to table this document now.

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I can understand the request that I withdraw I and II because those studies have not yet been completed. But I ask that III be transferred for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate, pursuant to Standing Order 48.

STUDIES ON PROGRAM TO ENHANCE
PRODUCTIVITYMotion No. 208—**Mr. Saltsman:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the preliminary cost-benefit study on the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce's new program to enhance productivity (PEP) as stated in reply to Question No. 1,955 as reported in *Hansard* of June 4, 1969.

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce wishes to inform the hon. member that this study will not be tabled. This was also stated in written question No. 1,955, tabled on June 4. The reason is that it would not be in the public interest to table an analysis of a program still under development. The minister hopes the member will withdraw his motion.

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, the reason is not acceptable. I ask that the motion be transferred for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate, pursuant to Standing Order 48.

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, since it has not been possible for almost two months to deal with my notice of motion for the production of papers No. 140, is the government prepared to take action on it next Wednesday?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): I would hope so, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The remaining notices of motion shall stand.

[Mr. Orange.]

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

OIL

REPRESENTATIONS BY CANADIAN MINISTERS
AT WASHINGTON MEETING TO INCREASE
CRUDE SHIPMENTS

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the statement made this week by the United States Secretary of the Interior to the effect that the United States can absorb 500,000 barrels a day more crude oil than is at present permitted to be shipped from Canada to that country, has the delegation of ministers who are at present conferring with their counterparts in Washington been urged to strongly press that case for very substantial and immediate increases in shipments of Canadian crude oil to the United States until the level of 800,000 barrels a day has been reached?

Mr. Speaker: The right hon. Prime Minister.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I am sure the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings never had so much applause for a question.

I will merely say that the ministers who are in Washington are very much aware of the situation and that they are discussing with their United States counterparts the best possible oil policy for Canadians.

Mr. Hees: I sincerely hope they do better than those who negotiated the somewhat disastrous secret treaty in 1967.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Hees: My supplementary question is as follows, Mr. Speaker. Has the delegation of Canadian ministers been instructed to advise the United States representatives at these meetings of the Canadian position with regard to Canadian troop withdrawals from NATO?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I understand the hon. member for Calgary North has a supplementary question. Perhaps we ought to stay with the same subject for the time being. This is why the Chair is now recognizing the hon. member for Calgary North.

Mr. Hees: I have a supplementary question. I know the hon. member for Calgary North has an excellent supplementary question—