

23, 1969, which refers to the same subject. I would, therefore, hope that the hon. member would consent to withdraw this motion.

Mr. Gilbert: Stand the motion.

Motion stands.

MESSAGE TO GENERAL GOWON

Motion No. 162—**Mr. Nystrom:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the message sent by the Prime Minister to General Gowon, as reported in *Hansard* on July 2, 1969, page 10751.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I move this motion on behalf of the hon. member.

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, communications between heads of government are normally confidential and their contents not made public. In any case, such action cannot be taken unilaterally. In the circumstances I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, the Parliamentary Secretary has just said action cannot be taken unilaterally. Could not the Prime Minister request the consent of General Gowon to this?

Mr. Walker: That is another question.

Mr. Speaker: Is it dropped?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): No. Put it to the vote, please.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER TO CHAIRMAN OF SCIENCE COUNCIL

Motion No. 203—**Mr. Broadbent:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the November 4, 1968 letter by the Prime Minister of Canada to the Chairman of the Science Council of Canada as mentioned in the Third Annual Report of the Science Council.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I move this motion for the hon. member, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the letter from the Prime Minister to the Chairman of the Science Council of Canada is related to the internal functions of the government and not in the public interest to be released. In view of the long established principle of the House that such documents are privileged perhaps

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the hon. member would be agreeable to having his motion withdrawn.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Perhaps he would not be.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps it should be transferred for debate.

CABINET DIRECTIVE ON SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS

Motion No. 204—**Mr. Broadbent:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the Cabinet Directive on summer employment for students referred to by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration in his Press Release of April 30, 1969.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I move this motion for the hon. member.

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, a cabinet directive is a cabinet document. It has always been the position of this House that cabinet documents would not be included among those documents covered by motions for the production of papers. I would hope, therefore, that the hon. member would be agreeable to withdrawing the motion.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): In view of the fact that this was referred to in a press release I do not think this caveat covers the situation. Perhaps you would put this to a vote, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

INFLATION—FORECAST PRICE INCREASES— DEFINITION OF ACCEPTABLE RESTRAINT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I had hoped we would have the privilege of having the Minister of Finance in the House today. In his absence, perhaps the Prime Minister would answer the questions of which he took notice yesterday. I asked these questions: In view of the forecast of substantial price increases ranging from 1 per cent to 25 per cent in 1970, what is the position of the government and, specifically, will the government, in cooperation with the Prices and Incomes Commission, now define what restraint consists of so that corporations and others will know what is expected of them by the government?