

Motions for Papers

The attitude taken by the minister is to impose arbitrarily a blackout on information to which the house is entitled.

Mr. Speaker: I cannot allow debate on this motion. If a notice of motion for the production of papers is considered as not being allowable by the minister on the ground of public interest, or of being privileged because the documents referred to are confidential, no debate is allowed. See standing order 51.

Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: Those who are opposed to the motion will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it. Call in the members.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Diefenbaker) which was negatived on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

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| Argue | Leboe |
| Blackmore | Lennard |
| Campbell | Low |
| Charlton | Macdonnell |
| Churchill | MacInnis |
| Coldwell | MacLean |
| Diefenbaker | McLeod |
| Dinsdale | Mitchell (London) |
| Drew | Nicholson |
| Ellis | Noseworthy |
| Gagnon | Pearkes |
| Green | Perron |
| Hamilton | Poulin |
| Harkness | Quelch |
| Hodgson | Regier |
| Howe (Wellington-Huron) | Shaw |
| Johnston (Bow River) | Thatcher |
| Jones | Thomas |
| Knight | Trainor |
| Knowles | Winch |
| | Yuill—41. |

NAYS

Messrs:

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| Abbott | Campney |
| Anderson | Caron |
| Applewhaite | Carter |
| Ashbourne | Cavers |
| Balcom | Chevrier |
| Batten | Croll |
| Benidickson | Dechene |
| Bennett (Grey North) | Decore |
| Blanchette | Dickey |
| Boisvert | Dumas |
| Bourget | Enfield |
| Brown (Essex West) | Fairey |
| Buchanan | Fraser (St. John's East) |

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| Gardiner | McIlraith |
| Garson | McIvor |
| Gauthier (Nickel Belt) | McMillan |
| Gauthier (Portneuf) | Mang |
| Gillis | Martin |
| Gour (Russell) | Michaud |
| Gourd (Chapleau) | Mitchell (Sudbury) |
| Habel | Pearson |
| Hanna | Philpott |
| Hardie | Pickersgill |
| Harris | Pommer |
| Harrison | Power (Quebec South) |
| Hellyer | Purdy |
| Hosking | Reinke |
| Houck | Richard (Ottawa East) |
| Huffman | Robchaud |
| Jutras | Robinson (Simcoe East) |
| Kirk (Antigonish-Guysborough) | Rouleau |
| Kirk (Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare) | St. Laurent |
| Lafontaine | Schneider |
| Langlois (Gaspé) | Simmons |
| Lesage | Stick |
| MacDougall | Stuart (Charlotte) |
| MacKenzie | Tucker |
| MacNaught | Weir |
| McCubbin | Weselak |
| | White (Waterloo South) |
| | Wood—80. |

Mr. Goode: Mr. Speaker, because of the illness of the hon. member for Medicine Hat (Mr. Wylie) I did not vote.

Mr. Hahn: Mr. Speaker, because of the illness of the hon. member for Temiscouata (Mr. Pouliot) I did not vote.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

PROVISION FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, ISSUE OF SECURITIES, ETC.

Hon. Douglas Abbott (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to bring in a measure to authorize the Canadian National Railway Company to make capital expenditures in the year 1954 not exceeding \$209,168,695 and to make certain capital expenditures and enter into certain contracts prior to July 1, 1955; to authorize the national company to issue securities to provide amounts required for the authorized expenditures; to provide that, except as expressly provided, the aggregate principal amount of securities outstanding at any time shall not exceed \$234,623,695; to authorize the governor in council to guarantee the principal and interest of securities issued by the company for the purpose aforesaid; to authorize the Minister of Finance to make loans to the said company secured by such securities and not exceeding \$234,623,695 in principal amount to enable the said company to meet such expenditures and with authority to give financial aid and assistance to other companies of the national system.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the house.

Motion agreed to.