

**The Chairman:** I will put your name on the list after Mr. Saltsman.

*(English)*

I am sorry, Mr. Saltsman, go ahead.

**Mr. Saltsman:** One of the conditions of the loans is that the interest rate is 6 per cent. I presume that this is provided to you through bond issues from the Department of Finance?

**Mr. Barrow:** The money is provided by Parliament through the regular estimates procedures.

**Mr. Saltsman:** Can you give us any indication of whether this 6 per cent covers the full cost incurred by the Canadian government or whether there is some element of subsidization in these loans?

**Mr. Barrow:** To the best of my knowledge it covers the full cost; there is no element of subsidy, we are told.

**Mr. Saltsman:** I might point out that my interest in raising this question is that we have tried to get the government to do this for housing and they have been very reluctant to get into this field. Thank you; I think that is all.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Latulippe and Mr. Tremblay would like to ask short questions, but I notice it is now 11 o'clock and some members are indicating that they have to attend another meeting. Could I ask the indulgence of Mr. Latulippe and Mr. Tremblay to reserve their questions until next week, and allow the Committee to pass Items L60 and L65? If this is possible, they could pose their questions to the Minister of Industry who will, I presume, be here next week. I hope this is satisfactory to the two gentlemen.

**Mr. Peters:** Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask a question. This has been raised by Mr. Saltsman and a number of other members and concerns the banking aspect of the Department. Probably it is a very important section and it could probably be under Item 1, but I think the Department might be prepared to set forth on paper their reasoning for keeping this and why we should not have a recommendation for amalgamating that sec-

tion with the Development Bank. If this were prepared, it would facilitate the answers to the questions which obviously are going to be asked on Item 1 in this regard. There may be some legitimate reasons, but it is doubtful whether we have really heard them yet.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Peters, I will take this up with the Minister and suggest that these questions will be asked. Mr. Latulippe and Mr. Tremblay will be the first ones to question the Minister. I am sure he will have his departmental officials with him. I hope members of the Committee agree because we want to expedite the proceedings that we now have.

**Mr. Hales:** Further to what Mr. Peters has said, when you are preparing that perhaps a list of the employees, the rate of salaries and the total cost of operating that Department could be included.

**The Chairman:** If the Committee agrees—

*(Translation)*

Would that suit you, Mr. Latulippe?

*(English)*

Shall Items L60 and L65 carry?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Hales:** Item L65 is really no different from Item 20 is it?

**The Chairman:** No, it is not too much different from Item 20.

**Mr. Hales:** Why are they separated?

**Mr. Mundy:** The reason is that in the case of capital equipment, a loan is made to the applicant for his 50 per cent share and he repays it over a period of five years.

Items L60 and L65 agreed to.

**The Chairman:** Gentlemen, this takes care of all the Items that have been referred to us by the House, with the exception of Item 1 which was stood. Item 1 will be called at the next meeting when we hope the Minister of Industry will be with us.

Thank you very much.