

it to a vote, as to whether or not we would sit while the house was sitting. This year the hon. member for Laurier protested, but did not take it to a vote. If the hon. member for Essex East left the impression in this committee that there have been no objections and that they have cooperated, this is not borne out by the facts. I am prepared to go along with any reasonable suggestions which meet the approval of the committee; but I am not prepared to accept the ideas expressed by the hon. member for Essex East.

Those in favour of the amendment please so indicate; those opposed?

The amendment is defeated.

Now we are on the original motion. Will those in favour of the original motion so indicate; those opposed?

The motion is agreed to.

We will now proceed with item 77, representation abroad—operational.

Item 77: Representation abroad—operational—including authority, notwithstanding the Civil Service Act, for the appointment and fixing of salaries of high commissioners, ambassadors, ministers plenipotentiary, consuls, secretaries and staff by the governor in council \$11,271,043

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): Might I ask if the under-secretary has been able to prepare the table I asked for at the last meeting?

Mr. E. W. T. GILL (*Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*): That is on new posts?

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): Yes. I asked if I might receive information as to the total number of staff measured in relation to the increase in posts which have been extended in the year. I would like some comparisons in respect of the last couple of years, if that is possible.

Mr. GILL: I have some figures for the last three years. They give the establishment, departmental strength and the posts which have been added. They do not take into consideration any positions created by additional work load in established posts.

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): I would also assume that it may not accurately reflect what I am attempting to achieve, because in many instances you will have accredited the same man to new posts.

Mr. GILL: Yes; but for our purposes here those are not included. These are posts where we have a resident officer. In 1959 the establishment was 1467 and the strength 1347, serving 61 posts. In 1960 the establishment was 1534 and the strength was 1417, serving 62 posts plus the disarmament conference which was not established as a separate post but which from a manpower standpoint had the same effect. As of April 1961 the establishment is 1565 and the strength is 1480, serving 65 posts.

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): I wonder if I might put the same question which I put to the minister concerning factual information. Naturally, I appreciate that you could not reply in the same way the minister did. You have an increase in the number of persons who are involved in the functions of the department. I believe you have increased your commitments in addition to this. You have an increase in the United Nations staff I believe.

Mr. GILL: Yes.

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): You have a number of persons who are involved in special duties. You have the NATO conference; you have new responsibilities in the field of disarmament. Your total strength has remained fairly static—some 1467 to 1565. I want to relate that to the new responsibilities the department has assumed.

Mr. GILL: It is 1480 this year.