

*Disposition of Supply Motions*

**Mr. Speaker:** If there is no further argument either for or against the point raised by the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen), I am prepared to make a ruling. The hon. member for Yukon proposed a similar argument last year at the time of consideration of supply items. On that occasion it related to dollar items. The hon. member will remember, since he quoted part of the decision, that I agreed with him that the dollar items to which he referred then were to my mind, in the way I interpreted them, legislative items and therefore could not be put to the House.

I have to say to the hon. member that the situation is not as clear to me now as it was the last time, or as it appeared to be to the hon. member. I agree with him that parliament cannot legislate by estimates, but on looking at this particular item I do not see what act it claims to amend or in what way it seeks to establish a legislative principle, or to legislate, to put it simply.

I hoped other hon. members might have made additional argument in support of the hon. member's contention that this is a legislative item. But I would find it very difficult to agree with him that *prima facie* this is anything other than an item of estimates. Perhaps the hon. member might have another point, namely, that rather than a supplementary estimate this might be a main estimate. It may be that this would be an improper way to proceed if it is a main estimate rather than a supplementary estimate, but I cannot conclude that this is a legislative item and therefore that it cannot be put to the House.

● (2230)

I wish I could have come to another conclusion if the hon. member could have convinced me that he was right, but in all fairness to the House I do not think I can agree with the hon. member's contention.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. Drury** thereupon moved that Bill C-15, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service for the financial year ending March 31, 1974, be read the first time and printed.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. Drury** moved that Bill C-15, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1974, be read the second time and referred to committee of the whole.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the House went into committee thereon, Mr. McCleave in the chair.

On clause 2—\$724,337,761 granted for 1973-74.

[Mr. Speaker.]

**Mr. Howard:** Mr. Chairman, I rise on a very brief point of order. I think the committee should take a moment or two to reflect upon the subject matter raised by my colleague from Scarborough West on two occasions in the past. He objected to legislative items in the estimates and the bill founded upon those estimates appearing in alphabetical order in the English language but not in alphabetical order in the French language. The hon. member has obviously won his point.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

**The Chairman:** I thank the hon. member for Skeena for his intervention on a point of order. Shall clause 2 carry?

**Mr. Harney:** Mr. Chairman, I have an objection to the remarks just made by the hon. member for Skeena. I have not won my point; this House has won its point.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Translation]

**Mr. Harney:** Mr. Chairman, since some hon. members perhaps do not consider this matter as very important, I wish to say that bilingualism is a sum of many small things. A minor reform has been brought about in this House which adds, in my opinion, to our national identity.

On the point of order, Mr. Chairman, since the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Drury) brought down these documents in an appropriate form, would it not be possible to request now of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lang) that the Revised Statutes of Canada be reviewed so that the tables of contents be set up in the same way?

[English]

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

**Mr. Drury** moved the third reading of the bill.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

● (2240)

## INTERIM SUPPLY

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board)** moved:

That this House do concur in interim supply as follows:

That a sum not exceeding \$3,138,241,654.50 being the aggregate of:

(a) Three-twelfths of the total of all the items set forth in the estimates for the fiscal year ending 31 March, 1975, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of parliament \$2,938,230,154.50.

(b) An additional eight-twelfths of the total amount of Finance item 25 and Industry, Trade and Commerce item L20 (schedule A) \$19,731,333.33.

(c) An additional six-twelfths of the total amount of Transport item 40 and Treasury Board item 10 (schedule B) \$29,287,000.00.

(d) An additional five-twelfths of the total amount of Transport item L105 (schedule C) \$5,625,000.00.