

War Appropriation

Howden	Michaud
Howe	Mullins
Isley	Mutch
Isnor	Neill
Jackman	Nicholson
Johnston (London)	Nielsen, Mrs.
Kimley	Nixon
Kirk	Noseworthy
Knowles	O'Neill
La Flèche	Perley
Leader	Picard
Leger	Pinard
Little	Pottier
McCuaig	Power
McCubbin	Purdy
McCulloch	Quelch
MacDiarmid	Ralston
Macdonald	Reid
(Brantford City)	Rickard
Macdonald (Halifax)	Roebuck
McDonald (Pontiac)	Rose
McGarry	Ross (Calgary East)
McGregor	Ross (Middlesex East)
McIlraith	Ross (Moose Jaw)
McIvor	Ross (Souris)
MacKenzie	Ryan
(Lambton-Kent)	St Laurent
MacKenzie (Neepawa)	Sanderson
Mackenzie	Senn
(Vancouver Centre)	Shaw
MacKinnon	Sissons
(Edmonton West)	Taylor
MacKinnon	Thauvette
(Kootenay East)	Tucker
McLarty	Tustin
MacLean (Cape Breton)	Ward
North-Victoria)	Warren
McLean (Simcoe East)	Weir
MacNicol	White
Martin	Winkler
Matthews	Wood
Maybank	Wright—124.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is on the main motion. Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

Mr. ROY: On division.

Main motion agreed to, on division, bill read the second time, and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Bradette in the chair.

Sections 1 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

On the preamble.

Mr. MacNICOL: Mr. Chairman, I have not a copy of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN: It is exactly the same as the resolution. There is no change.

Mr. HOMUTH: But this is not the resolution, Mr. Chairman; this is the bill and it has not been distributed. My hon. friend has just received a copy now.

The CHAIRMAN: The bill is exactly the same as the resolution.

Mr. POWER: I do object, Mr. Chairman. I have sat in this house for a long time and I have some respect for the usages and privi-

[Mr. Speaker.]

leges of parliament. This is the last evening, almost the last minute of a parliament and I object to our railroading this bill through when the members have not had a chance to look at it. That has not been the custom in the past and I hope that it will not be in the future.

The CHAIRMAN: The bill is the same as the resolution.

Mr. POWER: That has nothing to do with it, Mr. Chairman. This committee is required to pass on a certain bill and, with all deference, this committee should have the bill read section by section. I certainly would not consent to the passage of this bill as it is being attempted to be passed now.

Mr. GILLIS: I have no desire to pursue the discussion, but there were some questions on which I wish to have an answer from the Minister of Munitions and Supply before this bill is passed. I should like the minister to make a statement as to P.C. 1952, passed March 22, regarding steel subsidies. The minister also made a statement in Halifax recently regarding the strait of Canso causeway. Perhaps he would elaborate on these two matters.

Mr. HOWE: Regarding the subsidy agreement with Dosco, the previous agreement had to do with residual deficits. In other words, the company was to operate as efficiently as possible and the government would see that the company would not incur a loss on the year's operation. That was found to be unsatisfactory and a new subsidy form was drawn up based on incentive. That is to say, the company must operate better than it has in the past in order to break even, and if it can operate still better, they have a chance to make a profit. The plate mill has been engaged in rolling steel plates for government orders. The operation of that mill is dependent on the ship building programme, which in turn is dependent on export orders. Rolling plate is not a normal operation in the Sydney production. Therefore it was thought that it is not fair to make the tonnage depend upon an output which included plate; therefore the proviso that if the plate mill was operating on government orders, the subsidy would be one figure, and if it was not operating on government orders, the subsidy would be a higher figure. We were not putting a premium on not operating the plate mill, but simply recognizing the fact that the only plate ever rolled there was plate rolled for government orders, and we did not want to undertake that the mill will run to capacity with government orders.