

*Business of the House***SUPPLY**

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I know that hon. members generally will be desirous of doing everything possible to expedite those matters that are in the supplementary estimates which, in large part, will make a contribution toward increasing employment in this country. While under ordinary circumstances the motion I intend to make—and it can only be made with leave—under the rules cannot be made until the conclusion of the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, I would hope that similar consent to that which was given in 1957 might be made available so that a motion might be made that this house will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a committee to consider of the ways and means for the raising of supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

In 1957, on October 14, I dealt with the matter and made a similar motion. I referred to the fact that in 1949 a similar situation had arisen, and when the new parliament began its sittings on September 5 in that year the then prime minister, Right Hon. Louis St. Laurent, moved that the house resolve itself at its next sitting into a committee to consider of the supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

I do not intend to say more than that, and I ask for leave of the house so that at the earliest possible date we may proceed with these supplementary estimates.

Mr. Speaker: Does the right hon. gentleman have unanimous consent?

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): We on this side will be very glad to collaborate with the Prime Minister in this matter and, indeed, to alter the procedure in any respect which will make it possible to get on at once with measures to aid employment.

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia): We have been prodding the government for many months to take action on unemployment. The Prime Minister has asked for unanimous consent to have this very worth-while motion passed by the house. We are prepared to give that consent and we hope the estimates will be in an amount commensurate with the difficult situation that the country now faces.

Mr. Speaker: I take it that unanimous consent has been given. Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

WAYS AND MEANS

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Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): There is a second motion and I think I have them reversed. The first one should have been for committee of ways and means instead of for committee of supply. I would now ask leave of the house to move:

That this house will at its next sitting resolve itself into a committee to consider of the ways and means for raising the supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Motion agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

AFTERNOON SITTING ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Again if I have unanimous consent I should like to move:

That when the house adjourns this day it shall stand adjourned until tomorrow at 2.30 p.m., and that the provisions of section 1, standing order 2, shall be suspended in relation thereto.

Mr. Speaker: Does the right hon. gentleman have unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Diefenbaker the house adjourned at 4.40 p.m.