

me serious concern. It would appear that I can add very little to what has been stated in section 3 of citation 246 in Beauchesne's fourth edition which reads as follows: "The guiding principle in determining the effect of an amendment upon the financial initiative of the Crown is that the communication, to which the Royal Demand of recommendation is attached, must be treated as laying down once and for all (unless withdrawn and replaced) not only the amount of a charge, but also its objects, purposes, conditions and qualifications. In relation to the standard thereby fixed, an amendment infringes the financial initiative of the Crown, not only if it increases the amount, but also if it extends the objects and purposes, or relaxes the conditions and qualifications expressed in the communication by which the Crown has demanded or recommended a charge. And this standard is binding not only on private members but also on Ministers whose only advantage is that, as advisors of the Crown, they can present new or supplementary estimates or secure the Royal Recommendation to new or supplementary resolutions."

I suggest to the honourable Member that it is not necessary that all objectives of the bill be recited in a financial recommendation but rather it is financial charges or expenditures that must be covered in it. When the recommendation is in general terms, it may appear to be deficient or inadequate, and I believe that in this case the government has taken steps to expand the financial aspects of the bill.

In this regard I might refer the honourable Member to the supplementary recommendation presented to the House to cover the proposed motions Nos. 10, 12 and 13.

In the light of all the circumstances it is not my view that further proceedings on Bill C-144 should be arrested at this time because of the scope of the financial recommendations related to this bill.

In concluding my comments at this time may I remind honourable Members that a convenient time will have to be arranged in relation to the hearing of the procedural argument on motion No. 16, and there will also have to be agreement on when the debate should take place on the motion which stands in the name of the honourable Member for South Western Nova (Mr. Comeau) which has now been bypassed since we have started on motion No. 6. Perhaps there might be agreement among honourable Members in due course after we have completed the debate which is now current on motion No. 25.

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Whereupon, the House resumed debate on the motion of Mr. McCleave, seconded by Mr. Aiken,—That Bill C-144, An Act to provide for the management of the water resources of Canada including research and the planning and implementation of programs relating to the conservation, development and utilization of water resources be amended by inserting a new clause 37:

"Construction.

37. This Act shall not be construed to authorize any treaty or convention with respect to exporting the water resources of Canada, and no treaty, convention or agreement with respect to such export shall be binding unless authorized by the Parliament of Canada."

and by renumbering the subsequent clause accordingly.

After further debate, the question being put on the said motion, pursuant to section 11 of Standing Order 75, a recorded division was deferred.