

The bill to be founded upon the resolution will contain only two sections. One will amend section 22 of the Militia Act, to remove the present limitation of 10,000 placed upon the permanent force, and authorizing such number as may be authorized from time to time by the governor in council. The second section will amend section 63 of the act by adding a subsection to provide that members of the militia who are now on active service within the terms of the Militia Act, and who continue to be employed for a time in demobilization, may continue to receive the present rates of pay and allowances, including dependents' allowance, though they cease to be on active service within the terms of the Militia Act; and will be subject otherwise to the same provisions as though they were on active service, except for matters of discipline.

Motion agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

EASTER ADJOURNMENT

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved:

That when the house adjourns on Wednesday, April 17, it stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 24, 1946.

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggart): In looking at this motion one thing about it strikes me; that is, that we are to close on a half day and meet again on a half day. It seems to me the house would be pretty well depleted if we closed on one half day and opened on another. Perhaps it would have been better to close on Tuesday and resume the following Tuesday or to close on Thursday and resume the following Thursday, or the following Tuesday, as the case may be. The two half days would seem to make it inadvisable to pass the motion as it is now worded, and I bring that matter to the attention of the house.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I thought that in drafting the resolution in these terms I should be meeting the convenience of the house. If, however, hon. members would prefer to have the house adjourn on Tuesday, April 16, and stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 23, I should be quite prepared to alter the motion accordingly.

Mr. MacNICOL: The trouble is we have bought our railway tickets for the other dates.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I really think it would be wiser to hold to the original motion. As a matter of fact it is a half day, but we can arrange the business of the house accordingly.

Motion agreed to.

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LOAN TO UNITED KINGDOM

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL AGREEMENT SIGNED
MARCH 6, 1946

Right Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to come into force in whole or in part on proclamation for the purpose of approving the financial agreement between the government of Canada and the government of the United Kingdom signed on March 6, 1946, and of granting authority, (a) to advance to the government of the United Kingdom before December 31, 1951, amounts not exceeding in the aggregate one thousand two hundred and fifty million dollars (\$1,250,000,000); (b) to continue until January 1, 1951, the interest-free provision of the loan to the government of the United Kingdom under The War Appropriation (United Kingdom Financing) Act, 1942; (c) to cancel the amount owing by the government of the United Kingdom to the government of Canada with respect to the British Commonwealth air training plan being the sum of four hundred and twenty-five million dollars (\$425,000,000); (d) to borrow for the purpose of paragraph (a) under the provisions of the Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act, 1931, sums not exceeding one thousand two hundred and fifty million dollars (\$1,250,000,000); and (e) to carry out the other provisions of the said agreement.

He said: His Excellency the Administrator, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the house.

Mr. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Mr. LaCROIX: On division.

Motion agreed to.

ATOMIC ENERGY

STATEMENT AS TO INTERNATIONAL CONTROL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggart): With regard to the statement issued at Washington last evening that uranium and other material used in the production of atomic power, together with the scientific development of atomic energy, may be placed under international control and the manufacture of atomic bombs discontinued, I should like to ask if Canada gave prior consent to this statement being issued, which I think is a fairly satisfactory announcement if it means what it says.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): My hon. friend was kind enough to send me notice of his question.