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(Translation):

**Mr. Gagnon:** I was paired with the hon. member for Terrebonne (Mr. Bertrand). Had I voted, I would have voted against the motion.

(Text):

**Mr. Speaker:** I declare the amendment carried. The question is on the main motion. Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the main motion?

**Mr. Abbott:** As amended.

**Some hon. Members:** On division.

**Mr. Speaker:** Carried on division.

Motion as amended agreed to on division.

**SUPERANNUATED CIVIL SERVANTS****COST OF LIVING BONUS OR OTHER SUPPLEMENT**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of repeated representations, and the widespread support which their request has received, is the government considering the granting of a cost of living bonus or other supplement to superannuated civil servants?

**Hon. Douglas Abbott (Minister of Finance):** My hon. friend asked me a similar question shortly before the last session of parliament [Mr. MacInnis.]

prorogued. I gave him an answer at that time, but I do not recall its exact terms. I referred him, however, to a press statement I made last January, announcing certain increases in the salaries of civil servants, in which I dealt with this question of pensions to superannuated civil servants. This is what I said:

These pensions in essence are a special form of savings and are not related to the cost of living. Other Canadians do their own saving in various forms without help from their employers in this particular way, and most of such savings are normally held in the form of bonds, bank deposits, mortgages, annuities and other securities whose value is fixed in terms of money, just as superannuation pensions are. While it is recognized that superannuated civil servants encounter difficulties during periods of rising costs, these are similar to the difficulties faced by other retired persons living on pensions, annuities or other savings, and the government does not consider that it would be fair or proper in these circumstances to single out its former employees for special assistance.

So far as I am aware the government's view in the matter has not changed.

**STRAIT OF CANSO****INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF BOARD OF ENGINEERS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Clarence Gillis (Cape Breton South):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. It arises out of conflicting press dispatches appearing in local newspapers within the last couple of days with regard to the engineering commission appointed to inquire into the feasibility of the Canso project and related matters. One report states that the bridge might be proceeded with immediately; another states that the commission's report is still under study, and yet another states that the commission's report will likely be released from Kingston on Monday. As the Minister of Transport is the responsible minister, can he make a statement clarifying the whole situation?

**Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport):** I am afraid I cannot make a full statement such as my hon. friend would wish me to make. I can, however, say to him that the board of engineers which has been established to study the Canso project have not yet made a report. They have had a conversation with me in which they indicated that they have studied several forms of transportation across the strait, namely, a causeway, a bridge, a tunnel, and the present facilities with improvements. It was also suggested by them that in relation to one of those projects, as to which they could come to no conclusion, that of a bridge, they would require additional data. They have indicated to me that they will make a report as to the cost of obtaining