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doing. It is that whole system of federal-provincial arrangements on fiscal rights which must be reconsidered. Those are all sources of income belonging to the provinces and which should be handed back to them.

Coming back to the bill, Mr. Speaker, I submit that what is proposed today, that is to say, hand back to the provinces a little part of their rights, is all very well, but we are asking the government to see to it as soon as possible that a commission be set up which will make sure that their sources of income are handed back-and not only considered, because this study has been made a long time ago-to the provinces. (Text):

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

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The house in committee of supply, Mr. Chown in the chair.

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Resolved, that a sum not exceeding \$330,089,511.93 being the aggregate of-

(a) one twelfth of the total of the amounts of the items set forth in the revised estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1963, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of parliament, except atomic energy item 5, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation item 5, finance items 45 and 50, forestry item 11, labour item 40, legislation items 30 and 35, mines and technical surveys items 30, 35, 40, 70, 80, 125 and 130, national defence item national health and welfare item 25, northern affairs and national resources items 10, 45 and 90, public works items 5, 45, 70, 100, 105, 125, 145, 168, 170, 180, 190 and 200, Royal Canadian Mounted Police items 5, 15 and 25, transport items 35, 40, 60, 80, 85, 100, 125, 222 and 225, loans investments and advances item L20 \$292,175,958;

(b) an additional one twelfth of the amounts of defence production item 25, external affairs item 5, northern affairs and national resources item 105, of the said revised estimates, \$1,842,041.67;

(c) one twelfth of the total of the amounts of the items set forth in the supplementary estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1963, except external affairs item 112a, transport items 213a and 222a, \$8,738,178.92;

(d) ten twelfths of the total of the amounts of the items set forth in the supplementary estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1963,

be granted to Her Majesty on account of the present fiscal year ending March 31, 1963.

(Translation):

Mr. Cote: Mr. Chairman, as a descendant of one of the oldest Canadian families established in this country in 1635, I have always been attached to freedom and I have always been told that nobility and dignity are appropriate in all circumstances. That is why I was astonished last evening to see the systematic obstruction practised by our col-

sources of income drop by drop, as it is now leagues sitting on our right against the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Diefenbaker). Even though I do not approve the policies of the Prime Minister and even though I feel that this government has brought forward no immediate cures for the hardship of Canadian families, these hon. members were not entitled to act the way they did, especially when it is a known fact that the Liberals themselves, since the beginning of the session, have delayed the passage of legislation under all sorts of idle pretexts.

> An hon. Member: And what are you doing right now?

> Mr. Dupuis: You talk like an irresponsible person.

Mr. Cote: On the other hand, Mr. Chair-

Mr. Dupuis: You talk like an irresponsible person.

Mr. Cote: I am generally courteous enough to listen to you, so please let me say what I want to say.

Mr. Dupuis: Be sensible and we shall listen to you.

Mr. Cote: On the other hand, Mr. Chairman, I have heard in this house, these last few days, words that were most pleasant to my French ears, and I want to offer my heartiest congratulations to those who said them, even to the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Pearson).

As far as I am concerned, I have to convey today things that are more abstract. Being myself from the financial world, I want to deal with what I would call the poetry of figures and of money. Listening to the hon. members from the three old parties of social debit, Conservatives, Liberals and socialists-for the socialists are members of an old party which has been in existence for more than 40 years in the world—we Social Crediters can readily see that those hon. members, in spite of their good will, are unable to cope with the budgetary problems which we are now facing, for they are still holding to ancient economical concepts which have long been out-of-date. How can we get out of this social debit era? They do not know the answer, and they do not care to find out, for they would have to study the whole financial system governing the economic life of this country. Yet, the situation is constantly worsening and this is proved by the fact that social debit or general running into debt is increasing at a terrific speed. For example, the total increase in debts in Canada, from 1956 to 1961, has been around \$20 billion, or 52 per cent, under both Liberal

[Mr. Gregoire.]