

Interim Supply

Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hour appointed for the consideration of private members' business has expired. The house will resume the business interrupted at six o'clock.

SUPPLY

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

INTERIM SUPPLY

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$371,999,-867.43, being the aggregate of—

(a) one-twelfth of the total of all of the Items set forth in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1967, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of Parliament *except* Items for Citizenship and Immigration, Defence Production, Forestry, Industry, Legislation, National Revenue, Post Office, Privy Council and Veterans Affairs, already provided for in Appropriation Act No. 6, 1966, and *except* Agriculture Item 35, Atomic Energy Item 5, Dominion Bureau of Statistics Item 10, Finance Item 15, Mines and Technical Surveys Items 40 and 70, Transport Item 103, and Loans, Investments and Advances Items L40, L75 and L80, for which no proportion is granted—\$309,794,765.50;

(b) an additional three-twelfths of the total amount of Public Works Item 65 (Schedule A) of the said Main Estimates—\$4,600,000.00;

(c) an additional two-twelfths of the total amounts of National Defence Item 35, Northern Affairs and National Resources Item 20 (Schedule B) of the said Main Estimates—\$3,175,900.00;

(d) an additional one-twelfth of the total amount of Loans, Investments and Advances Item L30 (Schedule C) of the said Main Estimates—\$9,166,-666.67;

(e) one-twelfth of the total of all of the Items set forth in the Supplementary Estimates (a) for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1967, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of Parliament, *except* Agriculture Item 35a, Defence Production Item 20a, Finance Item 4a, Mines and Technical Surveys Item 40a and Transport Items 102a and 103a, for which no proportion is granted—\$26,276,101.92;

(f) an additional three-twelfths of the total amounts of External Affairs Item 35a and Loans, Investments and Advances Item L22a (Schedule D) of the said Supplementary Estimates—\$11,304,-250.00;

(g) an additional two-twelfths of the total amount of Secretary of State Item 40a (Schedule E) of the said Supplementary Estimates—\$713,-266.67;

(h) an additional one-twelfth of the total amounts of Finance Item 15a and Loans, Investments and Advances Item L40a (Schedule F) of the said Supplementary Estimates—\$4,716,666.67;

[Mr. Howard.]

(i) one-twelfth of the total amount of all the Items set forth in the Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1967, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of Parliament, *except* Loans, Investments and Advances Item L32b, for which no proportion is granted—\$2,252,250.00,

be granted to Her Majesty on account of the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1967.

The Chairman: Order; house in committee of supply, interim supply.

● (7:00 p.m.)

Mr. Alkenbrack: Mr. Chairman, at six o'clock I was referring to the adverse circumstances under which our Canadian independent and co-operative milk processing plants, cheese factories and creameries are now forced to operate, and the cost-price squeeze in which they are situated. On the other side of the picture, operating in Ontario we have four giant operators which are American owned—Bordens, Dominion Dairies, Pet Milk and Carnation Milk. These giant companies have variegated business interests. Besides dairy products they all handle a host of other food and household products. Their tremendous financial stature will allow them to weather any storm pertaining to milk processing and any adversity that may take place in production and in markets. I warn the Minister of Agriculture and the government that these American giants may be willing to roll along with an adverse situation which is untenable to their smaller Canadian competitors to the point where the latter go bankrupt and have to go out of business. Then, with all competition annihilated, God help the Canadian milk producer and farmer and his kinsmen, the Canadian consumer of milk products. This adverse situation now faced by the small Canadian-owned independent and co-operative milk processors is a federal problem.

The former Conservative administration had planned a national dairy commission to direct all areas of milk production, processing and marketing. This government has promised a dairy commission. But nothing has been done. What is the delay? What impedes this measure? I ask the minister that. Many small independent plants have been obliged to close. It is said that the world is hungry. That is true. Therefore we need more cheese for export. We need more milk powder for export. Moreover, see how ridiculous we look, with Canada having to import butter. What an impasse we have arrived at. We need more butter. We need more processors and the