

Ways and Means

ending the 31st March, 1968, the sum of \$965,328,-156.84 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

Mr. Benson thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-147, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1968.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first and second times and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Batten in the chair.

The Chairman: Order. House in committee of the whole on a bill entitled an act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending 31st March, 1968.

Clauses 2 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

Schedules A to D inclusive agreed to.

On schedule E:

Mr. Benson: Mr. Chairman, in the footnote to schedule E the amount should read \$4,-416,666.67. There was a "6" left out and I should like to correct that figure.

Mr. Knowles: Where was the "6" left out? In the hundreds or the tens?

Mr. Benson: In the hundreds.

The Chairman: The correction to which the Minister of National Revenue refers is to a footnote at the bottom of page 8 in which there is a misprint, a "6" being left out. This is not part of the bill and is therefore not subject to amendment, though subject to correction.

Schedule agreed to.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall the said bill be read a third time?

Some hon. Members: Now.

Mr. Benson moved the third reading of the bill.

Hon. R. A. Bell (Carleton): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the bill contains no provision for increases in the pensions of superannuated civil servants, I ask that it be passed on division.

[Mr. Benson.]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion on division?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY—SUGAR—INCREASE IN PRICE

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, on June 21 I asked the Registrar General whether he could indicate why the price of a ten pound bag of sugar in Canada's third largest city, Vancouver, had risen from 97 cents at the beginning of June to \$1.12 at the present time. In view of the fact that within the last half hour this evening we have passed, if my arithmetic is correct, the sum of \$3,416,295,507.08, it seems to me slightly bewildering to think we should be concerning ourselves about this rise in the price of sugar. It is bewildering until one realizes that for people across the country the costs of sugar, bread, meat and milk are the costs that matter most, and some of our people unfortunately have smaller means than they should have with which to meet these costs.

● (10:00 p.m.)

I want to stress that the price of sugar in Vancouver within a three-week period rose from 95 cents to \$1.12. The public was given no reason for that increase. One correspondent of mine in Vancouver was told by a merchant that the Israeli-Arab war caused the price increase. She said that that could not have been correct as sugar stocks were on hand before the war broke out. The war could not have affected sugar prices in so short a period.

I also wish to emphasize that on June 17 Christie's Bread announced that it would increase the price of its 24 ounce loaf to retailers by two cents, and the one pound loaf to retailers by one cent, effective as of June 26. Shoppers in Ontario and Quebec are affected by this increase. Also, on June 23 General Bakeries Limited and Canada Bread Company raised their prices. General Bakeries Limited raised its prices by the amount that Christie's had raised theirs, and Canada