

*Interim Supply*

somehow the United States will not be able to develop its industry and that we will gain thereby an advantage over it. I think Mr. White spelled this out very clearly in his remarks when he said that the development of new markets in the United States would be met by increased exploration and development within that country. His great fear seemed to be that the arrangement with Canada would be completed before the American competition became a factor.

I was pleased to hear the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam express concern about medicare and urge that it be put through very quickly. The reason he gave was that if the provinces are to be in a position to pass enabling legislation, then they must know the details of the bill. I hope this is an indication that his party is going to be in favour of a variety of amendments which need to be made to that legislation before it is enacted and becomes the law of the country. Perhaps we can be hopeful there. I felt that this was welcome news.

We in the Social Credit party are concerned about the priorities in respect of the legislation which is before the house. We have not taken part in this debate on interim supply, with the exception of a brief speech by the hon. member for Medicine Hat and a few remarks by the hon. member for Fraser Valley. We feel the defence issue can be handled through the regular processes of the house. We were happy to hear that the Minister of National Revenue found some money the other day. We always are happy to hear that the Minister of National Revenue can find money. We hope he might be able to find a little more for things like national housing and perhaps the HARP project. Admittedly, he did not find it through some of the sources we might have suggested to him, but none the less he found it.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

**WAYS AND MEANS****INTERIM SUPPLY**

The house in committee of ways and means, Mr. Batten in the chair.

**Mr. Benson** moved:

Resolved, that toward making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1967, the sum of \$371,999,867.43, be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

[**Mr. Johnston.**]

• (5:00 p.m.)

Resolution reported and concurred in.

**Mr. Benson** thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-245, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending 31 March 1967.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** When shall the bill be read a second time?

**Mr. Peters:** At the next sitting of the house, Mr. Speaker.

**NATIONAL HOUSING ACT**

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING LOAN RATIO ON RENTAL HOUSING, LOANS ON EXISTING HOUSING, ETC.

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour)** moved the second reading of Bill No. C-241, to amend the National Housing Act, 1954.

He said: Mr. Speaker, when winding up the discussion on this bill during the resolution stage I expressed my deep appreciation to all hon. members who had participated in the debate, and particularly to those who had made constructive suggestions which warranted earnest consideration. In this connection, I should like to refer particularly to the well-reasoned comments on this complex and important subject put forward by the hon. members for Kamloops (Mr. Fulton), York-Scarborough (Mr. Stanbury), Kootenay West (Mr. Herridge) and others.

I also said on Thursday, October 27, to deal later with certain matters raised during the course of the earlier debate. The various views put forward point out the multitude of factors involved in the spectrum of housing. They also reflected the abiding concern of members from all corners of this house in the development of national housing legislation which will benefit all Canadians regardless of their station in life.

It is understandable, therefore, that some members who participated in the debate at the resolution stage voiced the opinion that even more aggressive steps should be taken at this time to bolster housing generally in Canada. Certainly, it had been the government's wish—perhaps I should say the government's intention—to bring forward more changes to the National Housing Act at this session. These changes would give important new significance to this legislation in preparation for future housing regulations in this rapidly expanding nation.