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save face all the way round, as the governor of the Bank of Canada. If this is the reason for indecision, we can understand it.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

WAYS AND MEANS

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

INTERIM SUPPLY

Mr. Churchill moved:

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1962, the sum of \$1,045,379,927.94, be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund, as set forth in the resolution concurred in this day in the committee of supply.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Chairman, before this resolution is carried I wish to ask a factual question of the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Finance. I should have asked this question in committee of supply. Would the parliamentary secretary assure us that a fraction—and would he also tell us what fraction it is, because I have not had time to look it up—of the special supplementary estimate for Cape Breton is included in this bill?

Mr. Bell (Carleton): There is a fraction, Mr. Chairman. It is seven twelfths.

Mr. Benidickson: The item being originally in the last special supplementary estimates.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): Yes. It is seven twelfths.

Mr. Regier: Mr. Chairman, would the parliamentary secretary advise us very briefly what means the government is intending to employ to obtain the necessary revenue now about to be voted, in case ordinary receipts are inadequate.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): The usual means, Mr. Chairman.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

Mr. Churchill thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-123, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1962.

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

On clause 1.

Mr. Benidickson: Mr. Chairman, I do not think the bill with which we are going to

deal has been presented to the members of the committee. It was agreed yesterday that we would defer debate on the particular bill which has been handed to us. I am sure that the unnumbered bill relating to possible agreements between the federal government and the governments of the provinces is not the bill that should have been distributed.

The Chairman: That matter is being corrected, I understand.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): More confusion.

Mr. Benidickson: I simply rise to obtain an assurance from the parliamentary secretary who, I know, has given study to the drafting of this bill which has only come into our hands at this moment, that the measure, in its wording, is in complete conformity with the tradition on interim supply and that there are no gimmicks or hidden notes in it and that there is no item connected with the estimates of 1961-62 involved in the schedules to this bill which are completely to be passed, or that we shall not have an opportunity to discuss when we resume this sitting perhaps after the recess of this particular question.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): On the basis of the assurances given to me I have no hesitation in saying to the committee that this is in the standard and traditional form of interim supply. It contains none of what the hon. member refers to as gimmicks; none of the items is voted in full, and the passage of this bill will in no way restrict the discussion in committee of supply on a subsequent occasion.

Mr. Benidickson: In other words, on the resolution stage we were dealing with simply fractions of less than the maximum of twelve twelfths.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): That is correct.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

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Mr. R. J. McCleave (Halifax): The house seems to have wound up the business with which it was to concern itself today. I have to make an unusual appeal. I hope the house will be good enough at least to listen to me in patience and with some understanding. Perhaps the house may even consent to take