

Supply—Items Passed

We have had the unemployment insurance commission before us in recent years and I believe that the modifications that were made to the fund were advantageous. I think the minister has an obligation now to refer the whole unemployment insurance problem to the industrial relations committee again, and I strongly urge that he call the committee immediately and refer the whole problem to it.

Item agreed to.

50e. Administration of the Unemployment Insurance Act—To extend the purposes of vote 50 of the main estimates for 1963-64 to include a grant of \$1,500 to the Canadian association for adult education to assist in defraying the expenses of the national seminar on guidance and counselling held in Canada in November, 1963 and to provide a further amount of \$720,000.

Mr. Howard: This seems to be an inordinately large amount of money. Surely they cannot have underestimated their expenditures to this extent, especially when almost half of the total appropriation, \$350,000, is for office stationery, supplies and equipment. Could we have an explanation from the minister? Does this involve the national registration program, or just what is involved here?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Chairman, the principal cause of this supplementary is to pay for expenditures in connection with the registration program, including office space in various parts of the country, equipment and so on. I can give the house a breakdown in a moment.

Mr. Thomas: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, did I understand you to call item L27e on which we have spent the evening? Is that passed or is it not?

The Chairman: It is passed. Shall item 50e carry?

Mr. Starr: No. I think the minister is looking up some information to give the hon. member for Skeena who asked the question.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Chairman—

Mr. Howard: Before the minister proceeds I wonder whether I might say this. There are some other remarks and explorations we would like to make into this field of numerical designation for employees, and so on. I wonder if the appropriate thing at the moment would be to call it ten o'clock, and approach this tomorrow.

Mr. Favreau: Mr. Chairman, in order to satisfy the very legitimate curiosity of the hon. member, and of other hon. members, may I suggest that you do not see the clock for a few minutes, so as to allow appropriate questions to be put on this item.

Mr. Howard: You recall, Mr. Chairman, we specifically sat from eight to ten o'clock this evening for the sole purpose of dealing with the unemployment insurance fund, and I do not think a few minutes this evening or tomorrow will make that much difference. Tomorrow we would approach it with a fresher mind.

Progress reported.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It being ten o'clock this house stands adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 2.30.

It being four minutes after ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put.

[The following items were passed in committee of supply this day]:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Special—

172e. Estimated amount required to recoup the agricultural commodities stabilization account to cover the net operating loss of the agricultural stabilization board, including loss resulting from revaluation of inventory, as at March 31, 1964, \$122,235,000.

173e. Estimated amount required to recoup the agricultural products board account to cover the net operating loss recorded in the account as at March 31, 1964, \$1,018,400.

174e. Estimated amount required to provide for the operating loss of the Farm Credit Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1964, \$1,377,000.

175e. Estimated amount required to recoup the prairie farm emergency fund to cover the net operating loss for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1964, \$1,940,000.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Loans, investments and advances—

B—Unemployment insurance commission—

L27e. To authorize the Minister of Finance, notwithstanding the Unemployment Insurance Act, to credit, on such terms and conditions as the governor in council may determine, to the unemployment insurance fund such sums as may from time to time be required by the said fund; the aggregate of the sums outstanding at any one time not to exceed \$55,000,000—To extend the purposes of vote L27a of the estimates for 1963-64 to cover requirements in the fiscal year 1964-65, \$1.

A—Department—

General administration—

1e. Departmental administration, \$14,000.

5e. Economics and research branch, \$5,500.

20e. Industrial relations activities, \$10,000.

22e. Administration of the Maritime Transportation Unions Trustees Act, \$135,000.

25e. Civilian rehabilitation branch administration, \$143,000.

27e. To extend from January 31, 1964 to March 31, 1964 the termination date in vote 27d of the supplementary estimates (D), 1963-64 of the period during which each full time worker 45 years of age or over may be engaged by an employer, \$1.