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TUESDAY, July 1, 1958.
10:00 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I see a quorum.
This morning we are dealing with the main and supplementary estimates of the Department of Transport again.

Item 424. Nautical Services—Administration, Operation and Maintenance, including grants and contributions as detailed in the Estimates; rewards for saving life from vessels in distress; subsidy to a salvage company; and the payment of expenses, including excepted expenses, incurred in respect of Canadian distressed seamen as defined in section 306 of the Canada Shipping Act \$546,871

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, are there any questions in respect of this item?

Mr. HOWARD: Before we get to the consideration of that item, I wonder if it would be too difficult—this has to do with the building of these lighthouses—to have an explanation for the difference in the estimated cost, which appears in last year's estimates, of \$2 million and that which appears in this year's estimate, \$3,500,000?

The CHAIRMAN: That question deals with another vote.

Mr. HOWARD: Yes, this deals with item 420, I imagine.

Hon. GEORGE HEES (*Minister of Transport*): I believe you asked a number of questions the other day in this regard. Mr. Baldwin will be here in a few minutes. He will have the answers for you, I expect.

The CHAIRMAN: Could you wait until Mr. Baldwin arrives?

Mr. HOWARD: Yes, certainly.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you Mr. Howard. When Mr. Baldwin arrives would you remind me to bring that question up again?

Are there any questions in regard to item 424?

Mr. HOWARD: I wonder if we could have an explanation of this item of grants and contributions in the amount of \$15,000 which apparently is a grant to the British Columbia tow-boat owners' association?

The CHAIRMAN: I am going to ask Mr. Norman Wilson, head of marine services, to answer that question.

Mr. N. WILSON (*Director, Marine Services, Department of Transport*): The explanation of that item lies in the fact that the B.C. tug-boat owners' association have been playing a very large part in the search and rescue program on the west coast. It is through their cooperation that we have taken on one of their former employees as marine coordinating officer at the R.C.A.F. search and rescue centre. This \$15,000 covers his salary and the salary of his assistant.

Item agreed to.

Item 632. (Supplementary) Nautical Services—Administration, Operation and Maintenance, including grants and contributions as detailed in the Estimates—
Further amount required \$1,000

Item agreed to.

Item 425. Pilotage Service—Administration, Operation and Maintenance, including authority for temporary recoverable advances not exceeding \$20,000..... \$720,258

Mr. FISHER: In connection with the pilotage service item, Mr. Chairman, I have quite a number of questions all related to the negotiations or discussions