

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. Leonard: I move, with leave of the Senate, that the report be adopted now.
Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Leonard, for Hon. Mr. Hayden, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, reported that the committee had considered Bill C-218, to provide assistance to livestock feeders in Eastern Canada and British Columbia, and had directed that the bill be reported without amendment.

THIRD READING

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): With leave of the Senate, I move that the bill be read the third time now.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

VISITING FORCES BILL

AUTHORITY TO PRINT COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Hon. T. D'Arcy Leonard, for Hon. Salter A. Hayden, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the following report of the committee on Bill S-50, respecting the Armed Forces of countries visiting Canada:

Your committee recommends that authority be granted for the printing of 800 copies in English and 300 copies in French of its proceedings on the said bill.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. Leonard: I move with leave of the Senate, that the report be adopted now.

Report adopted.

APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 8, 1966

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-245, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for

the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1967.

Bill read first time.

SECOND READING

Hon. Jean-Paul Deschatelets, with leave of the Senate, moved the second reading of the bill.

Hon. Mr. Reid: May I ask a question? How does the amount granted this year compare to that granted last year?

Hon. Mr. Deschatelets: If the honourable senator will permit me, I am going to explain the bill in a moment and will answer the question.

Hon. Mr. Reid: Then, I will listen carefully!

Hon. Mr. Deschatelets: Honourable senators, Bill C-245, copies of which have already been distributed, proposes for interim supply a total sum of \$371,999,867.43, which will provide for all the necessary requirements of the Public Service up to November 30, 1966.

It will be noted that today is November 17, and under normal circumstances it might reasonably be expected that before November 30, or in the following few days, another interim supply bill might be introduced for one or two months' supply.

As has been the custom in the past with respect to interim supply bills, explanatory notes have been placed before all honourable senators, and before examining briefly Bill C-245 I think we should look at those notes.

Page 3 is headed "Estimates, 1966-67." It will be noted that the main Estimates for 1966-67, excluding payments from the old age security fund, amount to \$8,283,224,878. Out of this amount of expenditure a sum of \$3,375,241,967 is statutory, such as family allowances, the interest on the public debt, the indemnities of members of the House of Commons and the Senate, and so forth. This means that out of the total sum of the main Estimates a net sum of \$4,907,982,911 has to be voted.

To this sum of \$4 billion-odd, which has to be voted, must be added and voted also the sum of expenditures covered by Supplementary Estimates (A) and (B). Honourable senators will recall that Supplementary Estimates (A) amounted to \$332,441,791, and that Supplementary Estimates (B) amounted to \$177,027,000. If we add to the sum of \$4 billion-odd, that I mentioned a few minutes