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subject matter shall be dealt with by legislation at the next session or will it be continued as an item in the estimates from year to year?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Mr. Chairman, I do not think I can give the hon. member a final answer on the question as to the form, but I may say to him that we have been working diligently on this matter. It is one of tremendous complexities, as I am sure he will readily appreciate. It is our hope that the benefits will be brought into effect on January 1, 1960, for the benefit of the persons in the government service and that, of course, will include not only persons in the civil service, but the benefits of this medical-surgical plan will be available also to the members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the armed forces and their dependants.

It is expected the premiums may commence in December because, as I have indicated, we hope to bring the plan into effect with benefits from January 1. The precise form of the plan is in course of being determined at the present time. We have consulted a number of interested organizations as to their suggestions for the specifications of the plan. I can assure the committee that the matter is receiving a great deal of study in the hope that we can make a good plan of this when it is inaugurated.

**Mr. Benidickson:** What is the opportunity of members of parliament, ministers or parliamentary secretaries, in connection with eligibility under this item?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** None, Mr. Chairman. The present plan which, of course, is quite limited by comparison has never been extended to include members of parliament or any of those enumerated by the hon. member.

**Insurance—**

148. Departmental administration, \$694,441.

**Mr. Howard:** Mr. Chairman, I understand this is the last item that the minister will be dealing with in connection with his capacity of Minister of Finance other than the supplementary estimates. I may say before it passes that we have had the pleasure of witnessing something this evening that I thought I never would see develop in the house. I would like to commend the minister for the admirable attitude he adopted tonight, and hope that he does not cease, now that he has started, continuing this sort of program and that it will carry over to another session.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** In the same spirit may I thank all hon. members for their co-operation, both those who spoke for the [Mr. McIlraith.]

speeches they made, and particularly those who did not speak for the speeches they did not make.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Chairman, I would like to say to the minister that we on this side forgive him for all that he has said about us.

**The Deputy Chairman:** This completes the estimates of the Department of Finance. There are a few supplementary items to go through yet.

**DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION**  
Citizenship—

500. Citizenship registration branch — further amount required, \$121,780.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I do not expect an answer from the hon. lady. I just want to renew the plea I made twice before that there should not be deportations, or the threat of deportations, of the parents of small children who are Canadian citizens.

**Mrs. Fairclough:** Mr. Chairman, the hon. member surely realizes that this is citizenship registration and has nothing to do with immigration.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I am quite well aware of that, but I am referring to citizens and the parents of citizens.

Item agreed to.

**National Gallery of Canada—**

547. Administration, operation and maintenance—further amount required for the completion of the permanent Canadian pavilion at the Venice international biennale of art, \$10,000.

**Mr. Benidickson:** Has there been any change in the salaries made available to the chairman of the civil service commission who has been newly appointed?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** No, Mr. Chairman; he receives the same salary as the former incumbent.

Item agreed to.

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR****A—Department—****General administration—**

529. Departmental administration, including the expenses of the international labour conferences—further amount required, \$11,700.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** The Minister of Labour is not available at the moment and this would seem to be an appropriate occasion to ask the Prime Minister, or perhaps the Minister of Finance, although I think tonight we would prefer to hear the Prime Minister—most of us feel we have heard enough of the Minister of Finance—

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Too much for you?