

out—and, of course, “guts” is considered a vulgar word, but I say to you, honourable senators, that it takes guts to land on a beach strung with barbed wire and other obstacles, to advance and be shot at with machine guns, mortars and artillery. How can you ever expect a civilian to understand what a soldier goes through in battle? How can you ever expect a civilian to understand and appreciate the conditions on the day of landing? How can a civilian ever understand the problems of veterans as they return to Canada to re-enter civilian life? How can any civilian ever understand an army hospital ward where every veteran has at least one amputation, or a ward for blind veterans or paraplegic veterans, where they are just beginning to realize the long struggle ahead of them with their great handicaps? How can any civilian ever understand army language, the philosophy of soldiers, the union and bonds that hold veterans together? How can any civilian ever understand the utter contempt veterans have for the pacifists, the intellectual doves, the draft dodgers, the deserters, and those who stayed home hiding behind petticoats?

We are now in the sixteenth month since the Woods Report was handed to the minister, and only today is the motion being made to refer the report to the committee. I say again, what a tragedy for the families of so many veterans who have died during that period! What a tragedy for the Hong Kong veterans that any further assistance to them has been further delayed for this long period! Now, in the last few days of the session, the report is being sent to the committee, which means no action can be taken on it until at least the next session.

In conclusion, I can only repeat the last two lines in the *Legion* editorial in the June-July issue 1969:

Canada's war veterans and their widows deserve fairer treatment than that.

Honourable senators, the estimates contained in the bill have been examined in a most capable way in Senator Leonard's committee and, as far as we are concerned on this side, we have no objection to second reading of the bill.

**Hon. Jacques Flynn:** Honourable senators, for the record, may I merely underline the fact that this final Appropriation Bill—I am excluding the Supplementary Estimates—reaches us less than three months after the beginning of the fiscal year, which is something I have not seen, if my memory serves

me aright, in my eleven years in Parliament, either in the other place or here. It may be due to favourable circumstances, but I suspect it is due to the changes in the rules in the other place. I hope these rules still provide adequate opportunity for the members of the other place to consider the main Estimates. In any event, I suggest that it was very important for the final Appropriation Bill to reach us as soon as possible, because very often we have been invited to ratify Estimates of which eleven-twelfths had already been spent. I think we should underline this fact, that the Estimates have reached us only three months after the beginning of the fiscal year.

**Hon. Mr. Langlois:** We hope this performance will be repeated in years to come.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time.

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

**Hon. Mr. Langlois** moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

## INTERNAL ECONOMY AND CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS

### NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

**Hon. Donald Smith:** Honourable senators, may I bring to your attention a notice which was placed on your desks some time ago? I regret very much that it was not possible to give more notice of the meeting of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts. We had expected to receive some information from the other place which would have permitted us to add an important item to our agenda. Unfortunately, we have not received that message. In the meantime, it was necessary for us to have a meeting of the committee to deal with some routine matters.

I would therefore appreciate it if the members of the committee who are present would repair around the corner to Room 256-S as soon as the Senate rises, so that we may deal expeditiously with our business.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Paul Martin:** Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I move, seconded by the honourable Senator Langlois, that when the Senate adjourns today it do stand