

BOARD OF BROADCAST GOVERNORS

641. Salaries and expenses of the board—further amount required, \$23,889.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I wonder whether the Minister of Finance can tell us why there should be such a rather considerable increase in the expenditures as there appears to be. Perhaps he could also refresh our minds as to what the original vote was.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Item 641 contemplates the provision of an additional \$23,889 toward salaries and expenses for the board of broadcast governors. The item in the main estimates was \$200,000. It has been found necessary to add to this amount in order to cover expenses partly as a result of the public hearings being conducted by the board of broadcast governors for second television licences in Winnipeg, Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Can the minister say whether a corresponding amount has been saved within the C.B.C budget as a result of the transfer of these quasi-judicial functions to the board of broadcast governors?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** It is not reflected in the supplementary estimates. But of course when the functions of the adjudicating body were detached from the normal functions of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, I think there was some expectation that there might be some saving. But that would have nothing to do with the present item which arises by reason of the fact that more public hearings were found to be necessary during the course of this year.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Can the minister confirm recent rumours about who is going to get the licence in Toronto?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** No. I do not know.

**Mr. Pearson:** Can the minister give us any indication of the principles on which the board operates in the giving of these licences?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** I think I will have to refer the hon. gentleman to the act and to what the board has said in indicating the standards to which it wishes those holding or receiving licences to adhere.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION  
Indian affairs branch—

642. Welfare of Indians—Operation and maintenance—further amount required, \$410,000.

**Mr. Peters:** Does the minister care to indicate whether this item is an indication that the amount of welfare assistance being paid

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to Indians in various localities has been increased as has been asked for by a number of members in past years?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Yes, sir. This item covers both direct relief assistance to Indians and also payments for the care of indigent Indians including maintenance of juvenile delinquents.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Does it reflect any change in policy?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Yes. There is an increased scale of food relief that is reflected here.

**Mr. Benidickson:** That is perhaps identified by an order in council or a change in the regulation. Will the minister give us that information?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** The scale became effective on April 1, 1959, the beginning of the present fiscal year.

**Mr. Peters:** May I ask whether this scale will be made available?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Yes. If the hon. gentleman wishes the detail of it, I shall be glad to see that it is sent to him.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

North Atlantic Treaty Organization—

644. Further contribution by the Canadian government towards the cost of constructing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization permanent headquarters—To increase by 248,029 new French francs the amount of the contribution provided for in vote 92, main estimates, 1959-60; the equivalent in Canadian dollars estimated as of March, 1960, is, \$48,018.

**Mr. Pearson:** I wonder whether the minister can tell us the total cost of this building, the total cost of Canada's participation in it and the percentage of the cost which has been allocated to Canada.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Yes. The total cost of the new NATO headquarters building in Paris is 4,739,745,800 French francs or 47,397,458 of the new or so-called heavy French francs. The equivalent in Canadian dollars is approximately 10½ million. Canada has contributed to date \$605,002. With the item now appearing in the supplementary estimates, the total contribution toward the construction of the building will be \$653,145. Canada's proportion is 6.08 per cent of the total.

**Mr. Pearson:** It appears that this building is now completed. I understand it is completed and occupied.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Almost. The delegations moved into it just before the annual