

*Estimates*

**Mr. Speaker:** I declare the motion carried on division.

**Mr. Chrétien** thereupon moved that Bill C-93, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1977, be read the first time and be printed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.  
Motion agreed to.

**Mr. Speaker:** I would assume that the bill now having been read a first time and having been printed, it is available and has been distributed to hon. members.

**Mr. Chrétien** thereupon moved that Bill C-93, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1977, be read the second time and referred to committee of the whole.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

*[Translation]*

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, and the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Laniel in the chair.

**The Chairman:** Shall clause 2 carry?  
Clause 2 agreed to.

**The Chairman:** Shall clause 3 carry?  
Clause 3 agreed to.

**The Chairman:** Shall clause 4 carry?

**An hon. Member:** On division.  
Clause 4 agreed to.

**The Chairman:** Shall clause 5 carry?

**Some hon. Members:** On division.  
Clause 5 agreed to.

**The Chairman:** Shall clause 6 carry?  
Clause 6 agreed to.

**The Chairman:** Shall the schedule carry?  
Schedule agreed to.

**The Chairman:** Shall clause 1 carry?  
Clause 1 agreed to.

**The Chairman:** Shall the preamble carry?

**Some hon. Members:** On division.  
Preamble agreed to.

**The Chairman:** Shall the title carry?  
Title agreed to.

[Mr. Speaker.]

**The Chairman:** Shall the bill carry?

Bill agreed to.

Bill reported.

*[English]*

**Mr. Chrétien** moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (A), 1976-77—MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN VOTE L27a, TREASURY BOARD

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of Treasury Board)** moved:

That Vote L27a, in the amount of \$5,000,000. of the Treasury Board, in respect of Loto Canada, in Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1977, be concurred in.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order with respect to these supplementary estimates, vote L27a. This estimate deals with the establishment of Loto Canada. It sets out certain conditions for its operation. We in our party agree with the lottery and its purpose, and the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Chrétien), when he appeared before the committee, gave an assurance that the last draw in this particular lottery, based on the current formula as prescribed in the bill, would be December, 1979, and that the annual reports would be referred to the committee each year. To a large extent this satisfies our reservations about Loto Canada. However, our general support for the substance does not alleviate our profound disquiet over the method of its presentation in this House.

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**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Mazankowski:** We contend that this is far more than an estimate; it is in fact a legislative measure. Instead of a description, we have a detailed, substantive proposition to which the House is asked to give its approval. This is a measure with all the elements of a bill; it establishes government control over the corporation, and sets out its purposes and structure as well as its finances.

The President of the Treasury Board has stated that the measure is presented in this way so that the House can express its opinion. Surely, Mr. Speaker, that is exactly the point. We are asked to express our opinion on a number of points forming part of a complex scheme, yet the actual vote is the only thing before us that can be amended. The minister is trying to get agreement to the detail of the scheme from the House without giving the House the corresponding right to examine that detail and to propose amendments which may be necessary.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Mazankowski:** To support our contention that this matter is not properly before the House, I would like to refer to three rulings. The first was made on March 10, 1971. On that occasion Mr. Speaker found that three items in Supplementary Estimates (C) for 1970-71 were clearly