

I should like to thank the hon. member for Kootenay West for again bringing to my attention the difficulties faced by those in his area. As has been the case in the past the officials will do everything possible to be helpful. I believe this is an assurance which members of the house will accept because the officials of the department have a reputation for acting in the interests of the veterans.

The Chairman: Shall vote 1c carry?

Mr. Peters: Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask the minister—

The Chairman: Order. Shall I rise and report certain resolutions and request that the committee be granted leave to sit later this day or at the next sitting of the house?

Mr. Starr: Mr. Chairman, it is not yet six o'clock and we are willing to pass these estimates.

The Chairman: Order. I understand that the Speaker wishes to come into the chamber.

Mr. Starr: Before the Speaker comes into the chamber perhaps we might pass these estimates.

The Chairman: Shall Vote 1 carry?

Mr. Peters: Mr. Chairman, before the minister leaves the matter of the Veterans Land Act may I ask whether any consideration is being given to a reduction in the size of the veteran's holding to take into consideration the situation where the land value places the land out of the reach of the veteran?

Mr. Teillet: I would like to refer back to the answers I have given the house previously in this regard, if that would be satisfactory.

Item agreed to.

The following items were agreed to:

Pensions—

25c. Pensions for Disability and Death—To provide, effective the 1st day of January, 1968, that the Pension Act be amended as follows:

(a) Schedules A and B to the said Act are repealed and the Schedules A and B set out in the details of the Estimates are substituted therefor; and

(b) in subsection (2) of section 38 the words "six hundred and thirty-six" are struck out and the words "seven hundred and thirty-two" are substituted therefor; and

(c) in subsection (4) of section 38 the words "three hundred dollars" are struck out and the words "three hundred and forty-eight dollars" are substituted therefor, \$7,800,000.

Income Tax Act

Treatment Services—

38c. Treatment and Related Allowances, \$205,000.

Veterans Affairs—

L120c. To increase to \$450,000 the amount that may be charged at any one time to the Working Capital Advance established by Vote 517 of the Appropriation Act No. 5, 1958, for the purpose of financing the manufacture of Remembrance Day poppies and wreaths; additional amount required, \$50,000.

The Chairman: That completes the estimates of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

INCOME TAX ACT

MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR SURCHARGE

The house resumed consideration of the order:

Second reading of Bill C-207, an act to amend the Income Tax Act—the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Speaker: At this time perhaps I might be permitted to apprise hon. members of the ruling I have reached after considering the very interesting arguments submitted earlier this afternoon. As the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre mentioned, it is a question which has attracted my attention during the past few days and, as many other hon. members have done, I, too, have reviewed the precedents on the point.

The point raised by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre and discussed by other hon. members is that Bill C-207 should not be proceeded with because in effect it renews a question decided during the current session. I should like to refer hon. members to citation 200(1) of Beauchesne's fourth edition and also to Bourinot's fourth edition, page 328-9. The latter reads as follows:

It is, however, an ancient rule of parliament that "no question or motion can regularly be offered if it is substantially the same with one on which the judgment of the house has already been expressed during the current session." The old rule of parliament reads: "That a question being once made, and carried in the affirmative or negative, cannot be questioned again, but must stand as a judgment of the house." Unless such a rule were in existence, the time of the house might be used in the discussion of motions of the same nature and contradictory decisions would be sometimes arrived at in the course of the same session.

Beauchesne's fourth edition, citation 373(2), reads as follows:

There is no rule which restrains the presentation of two or more Bills relating to the same subject, and containing similar provisions—