

Canadian maritime commission—

750. Steamship subventions for coastal services, as detailed in the estimates—further amount required, \$692,779.

**Mr. Fisher:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to know whether this amount is to subsidize the ferry from Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, to Rockland, Maine, and does it refer to the ship, *City of Havana*?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** No, Mr. Chairman, it relates to the motor vessel *Bluenose*.

**Mr. Fisher:** I understand the Nova Scotia government is considering requesting subsidies for the three summer months for a service to supplement the service provided by the *Bluenose* on this particular run. I understand, further, that the ship in question is a foreign owned ship, the *City of Havana*. I just wondered whether or not the fact that this amount is in the estimates would indicate that no request came to the federal government for support for this ferry, the *City of Havana*?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** I do not know about the *City of Havana* by name, but this item of \$6,000 is payable to the contractor, Himmelman Supply Company Limited, for supplying transportation between Yarmouth and Rockland, Maine, for the carriage of fish, mainly lobsters, while the ferry service from Yarmouth to Bar Harbor was suspended during the annual refit of the *Bluenose*.

Item agreed to.

#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

754. Treatment and other allowances—further amount required, \$50,000.

**Mr. Hellyer:** I wish to draw to the attention of the committee the necessity, in considering this item, to consider the revision of the War Veterans Allowance Act. The changes which were recently made in the Pensions Act have resulted in pensioners being cut off from the supplements provided by the war veterans allowance and, worse than that, these pensioners no longer receive certain medical benefits which were previously available to them.

I should like to suggest that the committee urge upon the government an early reconsideration of the War Veterans Allowance Act so that these people, who in many cases are very much in need, will receive proper consideration.

**Mr. Winkler:** I should like to say to the committee that this suggestion was made on numerous occasions during the consideration of the amendments to the Pensions Act.

#### Canadian and British Insurance Act

If one refers to *Hansard*, one will find that this request was made by most hon. members who spoke.

Item agreed to.

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

#### WAYS AND MEANS

The house in committee of ways and means, Mr. Rea in the chair.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton)** moved:

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1961, the sum of \$182,230,741 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton)** thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-80, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the fiscal year ending the 31st March, 1961.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first and second times, considered in committee, reported, read the third time and passed.

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, will you allow me to thank the house and the committee of supply for the co-operation that has been extended to this measure today by all hon. members. The proceedings could not have been carried to a conclusion without the co-operation of all hon. members in all parts of the house. I should just like to say that the adoption of the bill today, assuming that it is adopted in another place and receives royal assent this afternoon, means that it will now be possible to proceed with the issuance of approximately 150,000 cheques to veterans as well as others for payment of salaries and accounts. This can now be done.

#### CANADIAN AND BRITISH INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT

##### AMENDMENTS RESPECTING INVESTMENT AND OTHER POWERS

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming** moved that the house go into committee to consider Bill No. S-5, to amend the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Rea in the chair.

On clause 1—"British Company".

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** May I just remind hon. members that this bill, following second reading on March 7, was referred to the