

be subject to a deduction in respect of non-attendance at sittings of the House of which he is a member equal to the deduction from the sessional allowance of a member provided for in section 37."

Clause 5

Strike out lines 23 to 41, on page 5, and lines 1 to 32, on page 6, and substitute the following therefor:

"Minister	\$33,300
The Minister of Justice and Attorney General	20,000
The Minister of National Defence	20,000
The Minister of National Revenue	20,000
The Minister of Finance	20,000
The Minister of Transport	20,000
The Minister of Public Works	20,000
The President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada	20,000
The Minister of Agriculture	20,000
The Secretary of State of Canada	20,000
The Minister of Labour	20,000
The Secretary of State for External Affairs	20,000
The Minister of National Health and Welfare	20,000
The Minister of Veterans Affairs	20,000
The Associate Minister of National Defence	20,000
The Solicitor General of Canada	20,000
The Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs	20,000
The Minister of Manpower and Immigration	20,000
The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development	20,000
The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources	20,000
The President of the Treasury Board	20,000
The Minister of the Environment	20,000
The Minister of Communications	20,000
The Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce	20,000
The Minister of Regional Economic Expansion	20,000
The Minister of Supply and Services	20,000
The Leader of the Government in the Senate	20,000
The Postmaster General	20,000"

Strike out line 36, on page 6, and substitute the following therefor:

"Ministry of State is \$20,000 per annum."

Clause 6

Strike out lines 41 and 42, on page 6, and substitute the following therefor:

"be paid a salary at the rate of five thousand three hundred dollars per annum."

Your Committee has ordered a reprint of Bill C-44, as amended, for the use of the House of Commons at the report stage.

A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence relating to this Bill (*Issues Nos. 23 and 25*) is tabled.

(*The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the Report recorded as Appendix No. 67 to the Journals*).

The item listed on the Order Paper "Statements by Ministers" having been called;

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) having indicated his intention to make a statement under Statements by Ministers at this time, it becomes the first such statement to be made since the provisional or experimental order was invoked by the House to be effective on the first sitting day after the Easter break. The terms and conditions under which statements on motions are to be made are not described in detail, but there are two points of guidance for the Chair. The first, taken from the report of the committee as printed in *Votes and Proceedings* of March 14, is the consensus that statements by Ministers and responses thereto ought to be limited. The report of the committee reads in part as follows: "On statements by Ministers, as listed in section (2) of this Standing Order, a Minister of the Crown may make a short factual announcement or statement of government policy. A spokesman for each of the parties in opposition to the government may comment briefly thereon and members may be permitted to address questions thereon to the Minister. Mr. Speaker shall limit the time for such proceedings as he deems fit."

Today we shall hear the first of such statements. I presume that the only guideline I can follow is that the Minister's statement should be brief and factual and that there will be an even briefer statement by each of the opposition spokesmen. I say that it should be even briefer, because apparently the intention of the Order is that there shall follow, at the discretion of the Chair also, a short question period in which Members may address questions to the Minister solely on the subject of his statement.

If, at the discretion of the Chair, questions may be asked following brief statements in response, it follows, surely, that statements in response must be extremely brief and concise in setting out the position of the party on whose behalf the Member is speaking, because, as I say, there will be a brief period in which Members in general will be at liberty to ask the Minister questions.

That is the general procedure I propose to follow this morning. There will be a brief statement by the Minister, a very brief comment by each opposition spokesman, followed, for a limited period, by questions.

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In any event, as it fell to someone to choose how the order should be interpreted, I made the choice and I think we ought to proceed this morning in the way I