

have been voted by Parliament, after this bill has been passed, will be \$2,712,028,509.54. Assuming that this bill is passed, Parliament will still have to vote \$1,644,253,737.46, the last figure shown in the right-hand column in the memorandum.

Perhaps it would be as well to advert to the table and to the bills passed already.

Appropriation Act No. 1 generally granted two-twelfths of the amount of the main estimates, plus certain additional percentages of other items, for a total of \$684,120,260.18.

Appropriation Act No. 5, which was the second one we had, granted one-twelfth generally, plus additional proportions of certain items, to a total of \$338,136,717.59.

The third supply bill, Appropriation Act No. 6, which again was for one month's supply, granted one-twelfth of the main estimates, four-twelfths of the supplementaries, plus certain proportions of certain estimates, for a total of \$469,308,421.26.

The next Appropriation Act, No. 7, was a special act which granted payments to make up the full amount of two items of the estimates, firstly, 56a in the Department of National Defence. If honourable senators will remember, that was a \$1 item which was to cover payments to be made to people compulsorily retired from the armed services. It also covered item L17a, which was a loan item that dealt with the financial requirements in respect of the Columbia River.

The present bill proposes to grant three-twelfths generally of the main estimates and of the supplementary estimates, plus certain additional percentages which I will deal with in a moment. In other words, this bill, as it is drawn, proposes to grant to the Government, generally speaking, three months' supply.

Now I come to the bill. I should like to say in the first place that the total amount to be granted by this bill is \$1,037,030,109.84. That amount appears in the marginal note to section 2 of the bill.

If I may briefly describe the other provisions of section 2, I think it might be helpful to honourable senators before I come to consideration of the schedules.

Section 2(a) proposes to grant three-twelfths of all items in the main estimates, with the exception of one item, and that item is External Affairs Vote No. 20. The reason for the reduction to two-twelfths of that item is that heretofore nine-twelfths of that item has already been granted. If we granted three-twelfths on this occasion then the item will have been completely granted. That is not the intention of this bill.

Section 2(b) proposes to grant an additional three-twelfths of certain items under the Department of Transport estimates.

Section 2(c) grants an additional two-twelfths of certain items in the Department of Agriculture, and, in respect of legislation, the House of Commons requirements.

Section 2(d) grants an additional one-twelfth of certain items in seven departments, plus an additional one-twelfth of a loan item. These are all in respect of the main estimates.

Hon. Mr. McCutcheon: Where is the loan item?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): The loan item is item L10. Does the honourable senator want an explanation now, or shall I deal with it when I come to it?

Hon. Mr. McCutcheon: I am sorry—when you come to it.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Section 2(e) grants three-twelfths of all the items in the supplementary estimates, except three other items. They are National Defence Vote 56a, and loan item L17a, both of which were dealt with in Appropriation Act No. 7 and have been completely granted under the provisions of that act. The other is item L37a which was dealt with in an earlier bill in respect of payments for stockpiling of uranium. These three items are exceptions from the proposal to grant three-twelfths of all items in the supplementary estimates. In addition to that, it is proposed to grant two-twelfths of an item of the Department of Justice, and of a loan-investment item, both of which are in the supplementary estimates.

That is the general explanation of section 2. I think the details will emerge more clearly when I come to discuss the particulars contained in the schedules.

Section 3 of the bill is the usual provision to the effect that the amount authorized may be paid or applied only for the purposes and subject to the terms and conditions specified in any individual item.

Section 4 provides that when the estimates purport to confer an authority to enter into a commitment, that commitment must be entered into only in accordance with the terms of the item and after a certificate from the Comptroller of the Treasury that these limitations have been observed.

Section 5 provides that there shall be an accounting for the spending under these items in accordance with section 64 of the Financial Administration Act.

Honourable senators, I come now to the schedules, and I hope I shall not weary you with too much detail. However, I think I should be expected to give at least some general explanation in respect of these schedules.

I have said the main purpose of this bill generally is to grant three months' supply, to grant three-twelfths of the main estimates and