

● (1500)

Mr. Lang: The hon. member is really referring to a rather different issue. The question of the analysis of bids is something I have engaged in prior to the last series of questions in the House on Friday. The question referred to material upon which the analysis was made, and I do not have a report on that.

Mr. Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. It has come to my attention that on Remembrance Day the customary memorial wreath was not placed in the Memorial Chamber of the Peace Tower of this House. I understand that it has been a custom over the years, and I feel this is a question of privilege relating to all veterans who are members of the House and, indeed, veterans right across this land. If Your Honour feels that this is indeed a question of privilege, I would appreciate it if you would look into the matter to see whether there was any reason this was not done and, if so, report to the House on the matter.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member raises a subject of considerable importance and, I am sure, sensitivity among members of the House. My immediate information is that the usual wreath was placed there on behalf of the House of Commons, but whether or not such action by the government independent of the House of Commons is customary is a matter about which I am not immediately aware. In respect of the House of Commons, the usual action was taken; therefore, I would conclude that no question of privilege exists. But the hon. member has raised a point which I shall certainly look into and try to get some information on.

Mr. Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand): I have one more comment to make, Mr. Speaker. I believe it is customary for His Excellency the Governor General to lay the wreath.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (A) 1975-76

REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEES

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting Supplementary Estimates (A) for the financial year ending March 31, 1976 was presented by Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of the Treasury Board) and read by Mr. Speaker to the House.

[English]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Ouellet):

That the Supplementary Estimates (A), 1975-76, tabled this day, be referred to the several standing committees of the House as follows:

To the Standing Committee on Agriculture:

Agriculture votes 15a, 20a, 25a, 40a, 45a, and 50a.

To the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence:

External Affairs votes: 10a, L15a, L16a, L17a, L18a, 30a, and L36a.

Supplementary Estimates

Mr. Speaker, I have a long list which I believe is before you. I do not think there is any difference in view on the desirability of the references that I am proposing, and perhaps this list could be printed in *Hansard* as if it had been read.

Mr. Speaker: Standing Order 59 makes provision for the presentation of such motions. The House has heard the suggestion of the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Sharp) about including the list in *Hansard* as if it had been read. Shall I dispense with the reading of the list?

Mr. Baldwin: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I know it is no fault of the House leader or of the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Chrétien), but we have just now received the estimates and we have gone into deep shock after noticing the amount of \$1,750,000,000. However, since no statement was made by the President of the Treasury Board I will have to reserve my comments until later. I am probably in agreement with the general proposal made by the President of the Privy Council. I cannot say that what he suggested will fit the pattern, but certainly the estimates should be allocated to different committees. We just have to hope that the judgment has been sounder than the amount of the estimates.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that there was some consultation about the committees to which these estimates would be referred, and the motion does seem to be in accordance with those consultations.

[Editor's Note: The remainder of motion is as follows:]

National Defence votes 1a, 10a and 15a

To the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry:

Environment votes 5a, 10a, 15a, L21a, 25a and 30a

To the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs:

Consumer and Corporate Affairs votes 1a, 10a, 15a and 35a

National Health and Welfare votes 1a, 15a, 25a, 40a, 45a and 50a

Urban Affairs votes 1a, 10a, 15a, 30a, L35a and 40a

To the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development

Indian Affairs and Northern Development votes 1a, 5a, L21a, L22a, L23a, 25a, 35a, L61a and 75a

To the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs:

Solicitor General votes 5a, 15a, 20a and 25a

To the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works:

Energy, Mines and Resources votes 5a, 20a, 25a, L51a, L52a, 65a and 70a

Public Works votes 1a, L3a, 5a, 10a, 20a, 35a, 45a and 50a

To the Standing Committee on Regional Development:

Regional Economic Expansion votes 31a and L40a

To the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications:

Post Office vote 5a

Transport votes 1a, 10a, L17a, 20a, 25a, 30a, L35a, 50a, 60a, L76a, 85a, 91a and 105a

To the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs:

Veterans Affairs votes 1a, 5a, 15a, 20a and L21a

To the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates:

Communications vote L6a

Finance votes 11a, 12a, L13a and 15a

Industry, Trade and Commerce votes 1a, L36a, 47a and 65a

Labour votes 1a and 10a

Manpower and Immigration votes 1a, 5a, 10a and 15a