

twelfths has already been granted. It will also grant the balance of Supplementary Estimates (A) in the amount of \$30,532,935.40, the remaining three-twelfths of Supplementary Estimates (B) of \$15,154,702.91, and the entirety of Supplementary Estimates (C) of \$89,270,001, or a total of \$1,053,832,908.69.

Honourable senators, it is one thing to be using box-car figures, and it is another thing to be dealing with the details as to how these figures are made up. Therefore, I should say first, concerning the balance of the main estimates to be granted which are referred to in the latter portion of the memorandum I have provided, particulars of that \$918 million-odd are contained in Schedule A of the bill. Schedule A begins on page 4 of the bill and concludes on page 28. It is voluminous because it recites all the items of the main estimates which have not been fully voted by Parliament. As I have stated, three-twelfths of this total amount of the main estimates on these items are voted under this bill.

Honourable senators, I do not think I would be expected to make a detailed analysis of, or even make reference to, any of the many items in the main estimates set out in Schedule A. However, if any questions arise out of any of these items, I shall be happy to provide what information I can.

I am now dealing with section 2 of the bill. Section 2(a) provides for the approval of the amount required to authorize the spending of the balance of the main estimates, in the sum of \$918 million, the particulars of which are contained in Schedule A. Section 2(b) provides the same authority for Supplementary Estimates (A). Section 2(c) provides the same authority for Supplementary Estimates (B). Section 2(d) provides the authority for the spending of the money contained in Supplementary Estimates (C).

The particulars of Supplementary Estimates (A) are contained in schedule B of the bill. This is a fairly voluminous schedule, beginning at page 29 and ending at page 40. Again I say, if there are any particulars honourable senators require special information upon, I will be happy to supply them, if I am able. Schedule C, which begins at page 41 and runs to page 43, gives the particulars of Supplementary Estimates (B). Schedule D of the bill gives the particulars of Supplementary Estimates (C). These are the supplementary estimates which come before the Senate for the first time on this occasion.

I have dealt with section 2 of the bill, have indicated what its purpose is, and have indicated, both from the bill and the memorandum, the amounts which the bill proposes to grant.

Now may I just refer to the other sections? As honourable senators will see, the bill itself is very short.

Section 3 provides that the amount authorized in respect of an item may be paid or applied only in respect of and for the purposes of that item.

Section 3(2) provides that each item in the schedules is deemed to have been enacted by Parliament as of the 1st day of April, 1964, which is the first day of the current fiscal year.

Section 4 deals with the commitments. It provides that where authority is granted to enter into a commitment, it may be entered into only in accordance with the terms of the item involved, if the Comptroller of the Treasury certifies that the amount of the commitment does not exceed the total amount of the commitment authority granted in the item.

Section 5 provides that the amounts paid or applied under the authority of this Appropriation Act shall be accounted for in the Public Accounts of Canada in accordance with the pertinent provision of the Financial Administration Act.

The form of this bill is one we have grown accustomed to in Parliament, and one with which we are all familiar. It is in the usual form of the final appropriation bill. While I do not propose to discuss details of any of the items in any of the schedules, the fact is that many months ago the Senate referred the estimates to its Finance Committee. That committee has sat and, indeed, its chairman presented its report to this house at the last sitting. The Finance Committee had before it not only the main estimates but also Supplementary Estimates (A), (B) and (C).

Honourable senators, in presenting an interim supply bill it is customary to give assurance that the passing of any item will not prejudice the right of any senator later to raise a question on any item in it. That assurance is not necessary at this time. This is the last shot at the main estimates and at supplementaries (A), (B) and (C), as presented to Parliament. If there are any questions I can answer this evening, I shall be happy to do so. I hope my explanation has been adequate.

Hon. George S. White: Honourable senators, I am sure we are all indebted to the Leader of the Government for the explanation he has given. He has just said he would be glad to answer any questions.

I wish to speak briefly in connection with Supplementary Estimates (C), recently filed and appearing at pages 44 and 45 of the bill, and in particular with the items that have to do with Veterans Affairs. These estimates