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warrants authorized after the dissolution of parliament in respect of the fiscal year ended March 31, 1958."

Under those circumstances, Mr. Chairman, this house would have had ample notice that the governor general's warrants had been passed and that we would be asked to consider what the government had done and the purposes for which the warrants had been issued and all would have been well. That would have been the normal course and no one could have taken any exception whatsoever to that procedure. What I am complaining about is that the government, in the way it has taken to deal with this situation, has attempted to cut a corner and it has not been ready to straighten out its course since, and I continue my protest.

Mr. Hamilton (York West): Mr. Chairman—

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Welcome back.

Mr. Hamilton (York West): Mr. Chairman, little did I realize when I rose this morning that I would have this opportunity to play on the first team. As a matter of fact, I felt a little sympathy for the new leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition, because I have been feeling today very much as he must have felt the other day when he came to bat in the ninth inning with 2 out, 3 on base and the count 2 and 3. His only problem was that it was his first baseball game and it was the world series.

Mr. McIvor: He knows his game.

Mr. Habel: They did not even applaud.

Mr. Robichaud: They did not even get it.

Mr. Hamilton (York West): I am glad to realize that hon. gentlemen opposite are waking up again after those two last efforts. On this occasion I would like to say that I feel it will not be long until the galleries will be cleared, the press will be put to bed and the protests we have heard this afternoon will become only an echo; but before the day is out the people of Canada will see through all the phony arguments that have been raised in this house this afternoon.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): They surely will.

Mr. Hamilton (York West): With regard to the question of sincerity, there can be no doubt about where the finger will be pointed. It will be pointed at the two groups to the left of the Chairman.

Mr. Habel: Just a minute, you do not know.

Mr. Hamilton (York West): In connection with the problem facing us,—

Mr. Peters: You do have a problem.

Mr. Hamilton (York West):—it seems to me that we can examine these questions under two or three important headings. The first is the question of when or how this type of expenditure should be brought before the house. As I understand it, no one has argued today in any way that the method used in tabling this expenditure was illegal or improper. As a matter of fact, we have had reference made to the fact that publication in the *Canada Gazette* was quite within the statutory requirements. In addition, we have been told that sessional paper No. 175 was laid on the table of the house within the allotted time.

Of course, hon. members opposite would like us to believe that we are talking about something entirely different from what has been outlined in the estimates. Let me read the words of the original item in the main estimates which were compiled by the previous administration. Item No. 71 of the estimates of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration for the fiscal year 1957-58, under the heading "immigration branch" reads as follows:

71. To provide, subject to the approval of treasury board, for trans-oceanic and inland transportation and other assistance for immigrants and settlers, including care en route and while awaiting employment—

Item No. 684 in the supplementary estimates reads as follows:

684. To provide, subject to the approval of treasury board, for trans-oceanic and inland transportation and other assistance for immigrants and settlers, including care en route and while awaiting employment—

What did the document say that was laid on the table of the house? Sessional paper No. 175, filed on Tuesday, October 15, 1957, reads as follows:

Report presented by the Minister of Finance to the House of Commons on October 10, 1957, being the statement showing special warrants issued under section 28 of the financial administration act during the present fiscal year.

This is a report to parliament prepared by the Minister of Finance and bearing his signature. May I read the wording of paragraph 2 of this report:

2. Warrant issued pursuant to order in council 1957-1134 of August 19, 1957, whereby the Minister of Finance and Receiver General was authorized to pay the sum of \$2,428,000 (in addition to the sums already granted under vote 71 by the Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1957, and the Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1957) to provide, subject to the approval of treasury board, for expenditures in respect of trans-oceanic and inland transportation and other assistance for immigrants and settlers, including care en route and while awaiting employment.

Mr. Chairman, this report from the Minister of Finance outlines the purpose of this expenditure in almost identical terms as are used in the votes contained in the main and