

They may still be distrustful not only of their home government, but of governments in general. For that reason I thought I should take this opportunity to give them some reassurance, so far as it lies within my capacity to do so.

Therefore, I as a senator and as a former immigrant with cause to be gratified for his reception in Canada, and whose status has, I trust, been regularized, desire to assure them that the present offer is bona fide, that there are no tricks or gimmicks involved, and that the Government is just as anxious as they are to regularize their status. Such offers are not and cannot be made every day or even every year, and I urge these people in good faith to avail themselves of this opportunity before the date indicated, July 25.

May I add that I hope that the maximum publicity will be given to this matter, so that the people in question may be reached. I doubt whether any of them are subscribers either to *Hansard* or to the *Canada Gazette*. For that reason I would stress the use of the daily and weekly newspapers and more particularly the ethnic newspapers which I feel will be very useful at this time. Certainly an offer that is not known cannot be acted upon.

Hon. Mr. Cameron: On this particular issue, and knowing how slow communications are, I would hope that if there is a substantial percentage of these people who have not made their applications by July 25, then some consideration might be given to extending the date. It is already July 11, and there is not too much time left. I hope if the matter comes up again, this suggestion will be kept in mind.

Hon. Mr. Croll: We must stress the fact that this is the most important piece of business these people have to do; and the moment it is brought to their attention they should drop everything else and set about doing it.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: This matter has been mentioned in the press. I have read it myself. I cannot see why immigrants should doubt the bona fides of the Government. When the honourable senator rose on this matter I expected he was going to draw attention to the date and ask for an extension of time. I am sure these people will not doubt the bona fides of the Government, but they may need more time.

Hon. Mr. Croll: May I draw the attention of the honourable senator to the very bona

fide offer made by the Government, of which he was a member, to the Chinese some years ago and the results that followed. Was that accepted in the spirit in which it was made?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): I doubt that there is any need to bring this afternoon's discussion to the attention of the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. However, as a result of this I feel his attention will be drawn to it and particularly to the question of a further extension of the date.

I move that the Senate do now take recess to reassemble at the call of the bell at approximately 8 o'clock this evening.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 8 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 6, 1966

SECOND READING

Hon. John J. Connolly, with leave of the Senate, moved the second reading of Bill C-224, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March 1967.

He said: Honourable senators, this is a somewhat unusual bill, in that we have not considered its like since 1957—which was a very unusual year, if I may say so.

Appropriation Bill No. 6 purports to grant full supply for the main Estimates of ten departments, the details of which have been approved by the Committee of Supply in the other place during this session.

The ten departments are as follows: Citizenship and Immigration, Defence Production, Forestry, Governor General and Lieutenant Governors, Industry, Legislation, National Revenue, Post Office, Privy Council, and Veterans Affairs.

The bill is in the usual form in which full supply is granted, except that it is restricted to these ten departments and only to the main Estimates in respect of each of them.

Honourable senators, first of all I want to give the undertaking that this does not deal with any items in any of these departments under supplementary Estimates which have already been filed; nor, indeed, will it affect the supplementary Estimates of these same departments which may yet come before Parliament. Those items automatically would be open by their introduction in any supplementary Estimates for these departments.