

3. How many Voodoos does Canada plan to use in the future and for how long?

4. Is there any program contemplated (a) for repairing and overhauling (b) to extend the life of the Voodoos and, if so, what is its estimated cost in 1980 dollars?

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): 1. Yes.

2. The use of spare parts and accessories is planned until phase-out of the aircraft.

3. Fifty-five until gradual phase-out starting about 1982.

4. (a) Yes. There is a continuing depot level inspections and repair program scheduled to terminate in 1981. In 1980-81 this program will cost \$3,837,000.

(b) No.

[English]

Mr. Collette: While on my feet, I do not usually give a running commentary on questions asked of me, Madam Speaker, about the presentation of these questions, but in all courtesy I think I should point out to the hon. member for Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Beatty) that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) has just tabled part of the answer sought in question No. 970, and the balance will be brought forward next week, probably on Wednesday.

The reply to the motion of the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom) for the production of papers No. 16 and to questions Nos. 734 and 735 will also be brought forward next Wednesday.

Motion for the production of papers No. 2 in the name of the hon. member for Leeds-Grenville (Mr. Cossitt) is being worked on and we will try to have it ready before the adjournment.

Madam Speaker, I would ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT, 1980-81

SUPPLEMENTARY BORROWING AUTHORITY

Hon. Pierre Bussières (for the Minister of Finance) moved that Bill C-30, to provide supplementary borrowing authority for the fiscal year 1980-81, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Borrowing Authority Act

Madam Speaker: When shall the bill be read the third time?

Some hon. Members: Now.

Mr. Bussières (for Mr. MacEachen) moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

He said: Madam Speaker, I will be very brief as I do not want to take up too much of the House's time, but I wish to remind hon. members of the purpose of this bill. It is to give the government a borrowing authority for \$12 billion. With respect to this, during the second reading debate as well as the debates of the standing committee of the House, many criticisms were heard and I wish to take this opportunity to point out some aspects of the government's policy. First, this request for a \$12 billion borrowing authority can lead some to believe that the government has decided not to continue its fight against inflation. For the benefit of hon. members, I would like to repeat that the government still considers the fight against inflation a priority. I would also like to reaffirm the government's wish to reduce its deficit in an orderly manner and by that, we mean in a way which takes account of all situations.

For example, recently some people have expressed their fears because of the form of recession experienced by our neighbours to the south and suggested that the government might examine ways of increasing some expenses to ward off the negative aspects of this recession. This wish to reduce the deficit in an orderly way does in fact take into account the global economic situation and also a wish to continue the programs designed to help the have-nots in our society and those who might be hardest hit by the current situation.

I would also like to point out that during the standing committee's discussions a proposal was made by the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae) which was also seconded by members of the Conservative party to the effect that the government's borrowing authority should be reduced from \$12 billion to \$4 billion. Of course, the government objected to such a motion. This motion was linked to the idea that the government should submit a budget and that we should not give it a borrowing authority until it does so even though the government might, after submitting its budget, make another request to extend its borrowing authority up to \$12 billion, the need for which it would have explained in the budget.

● (1530)

I would like to remind the House that in April, as soon as he had an opportunity to do so, during the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) took that opportunity to indicate to the House and the people of Canada the requirements of the government for fiscal year 1980-81 and say roughly how much he expected in terms of receipts and expenditures, and justify in this way this request for borrowing authority before the House.