

Business of the House

This position is what we face today with regard to this NATO situation.

An hon. Member: You were in the wilderness for 25 years.

Mr. Pearson: He is talking about the Regina manifesto.

Mr. Chevrier: Tell us about the Regina manifesto.

Mr. Martin (Timmins): The fact still remains that, as their national leader put before the committee tonight,—

An hon. Member: Which one?

Mr. Martin (Timmins):—we are not prepared to share this burden so long as it is purely and solely a military burden and so long as it does not implement the things that it is supposed to implement. As long as we can see no progress—

The Deputy Chairman: Order. I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member but it is ten o'clock.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

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Mr. Chevrier: I presume that tomorrow we will continue with these estimates; and I take it that it is the hope, not so much of the house leader as of the Minister of Finance, that we will terminate them. However, I should like to ask the house leader what the house will be doing when we reconvene on April 10?

Mr. Churchill: Tomorrow I think the house would indicate its wisdom by completing the supplementary estimates. There are some items of the supplementary estimates that are of great importance to a large number of people in this country. I mention only one group, namely the disabled veterans of Canada. The item in the supplementary estimates which refers to them is one which should be passed speedily so that their next cheque will carry to them the information that parliament has dealt with that particular problem. I think tomorrow we should consider passing the supplementary estimates even if we have to carry on beyond the hour of six o'clock.

After the supplementary estimates are through there will be the normal appropriation bill and then, as the other house has dealt with interim supply, we will be prepared for royal assent for that item as well as for the supplementary estimates. When we resume on the 10th—

Mr. Chevrier: The Minister of Finance looks concerned.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): May I say this? I am gravely concerned. Far be it from me to suggest that any hon. member should curtail his remarks. The fact is, however, that included in these supplementary estimates are a good many provisions for salaries. My colleague has referred to the appropriation for the veterans, item 755, but I must draw attention to the fact also that there are numerous salary items here as well and those salary cheques cannot go out unless the bill is first passed and this supply released.

Mr. Churchill: When we resume on April 10—

Mr. Chevrier: I remember the same exhortations when I was on the other side.

Mr. Churchill: When we resume we shall deal with supply motions on April 10 and 11. Then the forecast—and this is subject to change—is that on Wednesday, April 12, we would consider the second reading of Bill No. C-72, to amend the Customs Tariff, and then on Thursday and Friday of that week we would resume discussion of the estimates of the Department of Agriculture followed by those of the Post Office Department.

I might point out for the interest of the house that this is the 77th day of this session. We have completed 17 pieces of legislation. The estimates of one department have also been dealt with and we are further ahead than we were last year at this time because it was not until the 90th day that we succeeded in passing the estimates of the first department.

Mr. Herridge: I should like to ask the leader of the house if he would consider bringing all the other estimates before the committee tomorrow and leaving until the last the estimate we have just been discussing?

Mr. Chevrier: No.

Mr. Churchill: We would still have to pass every other item in the supplementary estimates to deal with the appropriation bill and get royal assent. The actual arrangement in which the estimates are taken during the course of the day might be something we could discuss through the usual channels tomorrow morning.

Mr. Chevrier: I submit we should proceed in the usual manner.

It being five minutes after ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.