

*Supply—National Defence*

Mines and Technical Surveys who is principally concerned, indicate to the committee the grade of tariff filing that would be applicable to this particular contract?

The minister, is, I think, aware that there are tariffs which are based on scheduled services and tariffs based on non-scheduled services. They fall into classes (a), (b), (c) and (d). In connection with this particular contract, under what tariff rating in accordance with the air transport board regulations would these tariffs have been filed?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** I cannot give the particular designation but it is not one applied to a regular route.

**Mr. Benidickson:** No. That illustrates the necessity of having the minister principally concerned present before the committee, because I am confident that within the last ten days I have read an amendment to the air transport board rules under which henceforth a grade such as, for example, grade 4, will not be permitted to file a tariff and operate under that tariff in advance of permission being given by the air transport board. I presume that perhaps under this contract a tariff has been filed which has never received public adjudication in the face of competitive representation before the air transport board. There are certain grades of air operation which can simply file a tariff, and that tariff prevails until the board adjudicates to the contrary. That is the reason I raise this question—in what grade of aviation operation is this contract to be considered?

Item agreed to.

## B—Dominion coal board—

705. Payments in connection with the movements of coal under conditions prescribed by the governor in council—further amount required, \$2,106,502.

**Mr. Hellyer:** I wonder if the minister would say whether this vote includes any funds for the storage of coal.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Not the storage, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Hellyer:** It is for transportation only, not including storage?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** That is correct.

Item agreed to.

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## Royal Canadian Navy—

706. Operation and maintenance—further amount required, \$1,000,000.

**Mr. Hellyer:** I wonder if the minister could say whether this additional amount required is entirely due to the increase in rates of pay?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Yes. This item arises entirely from a general salary revision granted to classified civilian employees of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Item agreed to.

## Royal Canadian Air Force—

707. Construction or acquisition of buildings, works, land and major equipment—further amount required, \$10,000,000.

**Mr. Hellyer:** I wonder if the minister will say for which engines and which aircraft additional funds are required?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** First, it will be understood that in this large item—the item in the main estimates was \$228,192,000—it was found at the end of the year that some parts of it were inadequate and in other cases that the full amount appropriated will not be required. This is a case of putting together the pluses and the minuses and arriving at a net result. However, the deficiencies were in relation to the CF-104, the C-130B, the CC-109, and the Caribou.

**Mr. Hellyer:** The minister mentioned three aircraft on which expenditures were being made, but he did not mention the engines. Can he tell us whether provision for engines is included in this amount?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** I am sorry, but I found it difficult to hear all the hon. member's question. Is he asking me what engines are incorporated in these respective aircraft?

**Mr. Hellyer:** No, Mr. Chairman. The details of this item refer to aircraft and engines. I wonder if the minister would indicate which engines are referred to?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** The engines referred to in that expression are those of the aircraft I have just mentioned.

**Mr. Hellyer:** Just before this item carries I should like to reiterate the feeling of this side of the committee with respect to the CF-104 and its engine and to say we believe this is a rough engine being installed in a poor aircraft to carry out a questionable role to which we should not have committed ourselves in the first place.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Every one of those assertions was completely controverted last year by the Minister of National Defence.

Item agreed to.

## Mutual aid—

708. Contributions to infrastructure and military costs of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization—further amount required, \$740,000.

**Mr. Fisher:** Several years ago I discovered that all the bids that are put up for contracts within the infrastructure are on a partnership