

Supply

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Ethier in the chair.

On clause 2—

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, can the President of the Treasury Board assure the committee that there is nothing out of the way in the clauses of this bill and that it is in the usual form?

Mr. Buchanan: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would have been distressed if the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre had not raised this matter. The form of this bill is the same as that passed in previous years and contains no additional borrowing authority.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

● (1702)

Mr. Speaker: When shall the bill be read the third time? Now?

Some hon. Members: Now.

Mr. Buchanan moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Yesterday I was pre-empted from so doing because Your Honour ruled that the question of privilege took precedence in the debate, and we found ourselves pretty much in the same position today with little time left to deal with the supply motion. I thought if I could raise the point of order at this time it would be the first practical chance I had to raise it.

It has to do with *Hansard* for December 6, which is last Wednesday. The Minister of Public Works (Mr. Ouellet) in reply to my question, accused me of trying "to convey a message that all the builders in Canada are crooks". That statement appears at page 1845. This is a shameful innuendo which I reject out of hand. Any objective examination of my question will reveal that I tried to leave no such impression. I cannot ask the hon. member to withdraw his remark because there is nothing unparliamentary about it. It is just a cheap shot. But what can one expect from a minister who insults judges?

An hon. Member: That is a cheap shot.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It being after five o'clock, this House stands adjourned until Monday afternoon at two o'clock.

At 5.06 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.