

## External Affairs

**Mr. Chevrier:** Part of it is correct, that part which says that we are conducting an investigation to ascertain which portions of this line are unprofitable and if there are services that are unprofitable. If there are services that are unprofitable they should be cut out so we would not have to pay the subsidy. In any event, I think it is essential we carry on this investigation while the subsidy is being paid to ascertain which of these services are necessary from a public standpoint, and which are not. Those which are not necessary certainly should not be subsidized.

**Mr. Green:** Is there to be a subsidy in the coming fiscal year?

**Mr. Chevrier:** This covers the present year from December 1953 to April 1954.

Item agreed to.

Resolutions reported, read the second time and concurred in.

## WAYS AND MEANS

**Hon. Douglas Abbott (Minister of Finance)** moved that the house go into committee of ways and means.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Robinson (Simcoe East) in the chair.

**Mr. Abbott** moved:

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1954, the sum of \$98,214,350 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in.

**Mr. Abbott** thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 392, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending March 31, 1954.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Shall this bill be read the second time now?

**Mr. Knowles:** By leave.

**Mr. Abbott** moved the second reading of the bill.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Robinson (Simcoe East) in the chair.

On clause 1—*Short title.*

**Mr. Knowles:** May I ask if the bill has been printed?

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**Mr. Abbott:** Yes, I have a copy here. I thought I handed it to someone to give to my hon. friend. I believe this will be appropriation bill No. 2.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Shall this bill be read a third time now?

**Mr. Knowles:** By leave.

**Mr. Abbott** moved the third reading of the bill.

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

At six o'clock the house took recess.

## AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## REFERENCE OF ESTIMATES OF DEPARTMENT TO STANDING COMMITTEE

The house resumed, from Friday, March 26, consideration of the motion of Mr. Pearson:

That items Nos. 84 to 103 inclusive, of the main estimates, 1954-55, be withdrawn from the committee of supply and referred to the standing committee on external affairs, saving always the powers of the committee of supply in relation to the voting of public moneys.

**Mr. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, on Friday evening at ten o'clock I was just dealing with some of the references made by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Pearson) to the need for consultation. I had made the point that consultation should involve more than mere consultation between governments to work out a course of action in external affairs, but that this parliament had the right to be informed by the government as to what its policies and intentions are in this matter; and in that sphere I had directed attention particularly to the question of the government's intention with respect to the Geneva conference. I had suggested that we are entitled to receive some assurance from the minister as to what the Canadian delegation at Geneva will do, and even more particularly what it will not do, in the way of making concessions to communist delegations.