

We are exploring constantly for ways in which we can do what we do cheaper. The suggestion of the Hon. Member that in some remote areas it may be cheaper over-all to delegate an auctioneer to dispose of the assets and so on is a good suggestion. If we are not doing it, we ought to be doing it. I certainly hope we can pursue that in other areas. I am attempting throughout, both in our buying function and in our disposing function, to move toward giving more responsibility to regional offices which are closer to the source of the action, so that we buy closer to where it is used and we sell closer to where it is disposed of, again for reasons of economy.

I do not know whether I have answered all the questions of the Hon. Member. But if perhaps he has other questions, he might put them now.

**Mr. Fulton:** In terms of the extraordinary items, Mr. Speaker, the Minister has touched on what they were. Those were for the transition, I take it, of 104 employees from the Crown corporations to DSS. In the same way as with the contingency, he has touched on the outstanding cases and he was advised that Section 5(1) and (2) will cover those people. The litigation is not going to stop. They are going to be able to find a resolution to it, which pleases me, because I do not think we should ever close the door again as we did on Bill C-44.

On the transfer of the employees, are there any other outstanding items related to the employees of which this House should be aware, or has this basically resolved it, that is, paying the differential between the employee benefits, which was a point I raised with you? It seemed amazing to me that where the Department is paying \$2 million in salary, it is paying \$355,000 per annum in employee benefits. I have had an opportunity to look at enough Public Service contracts to know that that is rather substantial, especially when you add somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$500,000 in accommodation. We are looking at a fairly substantial package there and I am just wondering whether or not these extraordinary items which are listed in the public accounts cover all of the differential? The Minister said it is a one-shot payment to cover all of that, but are there any which are still outstanding? Are there any employee matters of which we should be aware which are not dealt with by this? I take it they would still be dealt with by the Public Service. Are there any outstanding matters?

**Mr. Andre:** I am aware of a couple of individuals who feel that they have not been properly dealt with. They are going through due process now as members of the Public Service. Whether the Bill is passed or not does not affect their position because the Order in Council of 1982 established that they are moved into the Public Service if they so chose, and that was the procedure. So this Bill does not affect that in any way. I am told that except for one or two what are described to me as minor situations, which should be accommodated through due process, the transition has been made and there are no further employment matters.

I neglected to mention under extraordinary items the question of the Montreal office accommodation. Given that DSS, as other Departments of Government, is now a tenant of the

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Public Works, it was necessary to take care of the leases, and what have you, which Crown Assets had. So to dispose of the Montreal lease, if you will, and move into a Public Works accommodation, a payment was made, and that is cleared up and done. I do not know what it was. The Hon. Member mentioned the cost of directors' meetings and so on, and I can say that we are of a like mind.

**Mr. Fulton:** I have one final point, Mr. Speaker. I agree that the matter of the amount the directors were taking for their meetings right before the election is rather disgusting.

Under "Dissolution", I just want to make one point clear, that in Section 6 in the Public Accounts of Canada, Volume III, the \$1.6 million and the \$1.37 million, which are long-term receivables, I take it that the dissolution section of Bill C-43, subsection (4), deals entirely with that. That amount in excess of \$1 million is simply transferred to receivables of DSS. That is all I have.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** Question.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Mr. Andre, seconded by Mr. McKnight, moves that Bill C-43, an Act to dissolve the Crown Assets Disposal Corporation and to amend the Surplus Crown Assets Act and other Acts in consequence thereof be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I believe there have been discussions and there may indeed be a disposition to deal with this matter through all stages in the House this afternoon, including Committee of the Whole. I meant to rise before you put the motion, Mr. Speaker, but even though you have, it may be that, by unanimous consent, we can carry on with this Bill and deal with it in all stages in order to give the Senate something to do next week.

**Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** Mr. Speaker, with respect to the comments made by the Hon. Government House Leader (Mr. Hnatyshyn), I must say that I did not know about the suggestion that we should go through all stages this afternoon. Perhaps the Hon. Government House Leader would let us know who he has dealt with in our Party. That comes as a surprise to me.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** I just came in myself, Mr. Speaker, but I had understood that the Minister and the opposition critic had had an informal discussion with respect to this matter and that there was—

**Mr. Boudria:** I have no objections.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** I apologize. I was just informed of this. I know the Hon. Member for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell (Mr. Boudria) has been sitting here all day. I know there was no serious objection to the legislation and there was a possibility of getting it through all stages this afternoon. I apologize for not communicating with the Hon. Member because I had not