

These six items that I have enumerated, totalling slightly more than \$156 million, or 80 per cent of the total of \$195,172,180, constitute the Further Supplementary Estimates. The remaining sum of roughly \$39 million is comprised of a large number of smaller items, enumerated in the Further Supplementary Estimates which are before honourable senators.

Section 4 of the bill before us is the usual authority for the Governor in Council to raise by way of loan sums not exceeding \$500 million, which may be required from time to time throughout the year for general purposes. It may be recalled that last year this borrowing power was increased in amount from \$200 million to the present amount of \$500 million.

Section 5 provides that the usual accounts will be submitted in detail to the House of Commons.

I am a little more at ease, honourable senators, in presenting to this house—for its approval—I hope, such a staggering figure in comparison with those I have presented other years, because of our adoption of a system under which the Finance Committee has been able to inquire into the estimates earlier in the session. I am pleased that through this committee honourable senators have been afforded an opportunity to examine the items which go to make up this staggering total. I submit the bill for the favourable consideration of the house.

Hon. Iva Fallis: Honourable senators, I find myself tonight in the position of one who has had greatness thrust upon her, in that I have been assigned, temporarily of course, the responsibility of acting as leader of my party.

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Your party could not have made a better choice.

Hon. Mrs. Fallis: It has not been the custom in the past for this house to review in detail the estimates and appropriations which come down in the dying moments of the session. For that precedent I am very thankful, for I shall not be expected to enter into a discussion of the details of the items at this time.

The honourable leader of the government has referred to the work which has been done by the Finance Committee during the past session. May I point out that when the report of that committee was presented to this house it was unanimously acclaimed as being satisfactory to all. I think I could not do better, at this late hour in the session, therefore, than to read a paragraph from the report. It is as follows:

Your committee suggests that the government should keep to the lowest point possible all capital expenditures of every kind excepting those essential

to defence, to provide the minimum of housing necessary and those expenditures that are normally directed to increasing the production of goods and services required by the Canadian people. Where expenditures are made on any of the items, including defence spending, efficiency and economy consistent with attaining the end in view should be the watchwords guiding them.

If the government, during the days that lie ahead, complies with the suggestions contained in that paragraph of the report, the members of the opposition in this house will be content.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. J. H. King: Honourable senators, may I say a word of congratulations to the acting leader of the opposition in this house? I think the government is fully conscious that we in Canada must conserve our assets by conserving our expenditures. Although the leader has announced tremendous expenditures, I think all of us here realize that the House of Commons, whose members represent the people, have considered these estimates very carefully, and I believe the Senate will accept them.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. Robertson moved the third reading of the bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Honourable senators, I move that when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, October 9, 1951, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

The Honourable R. L. Kellock, the Deputy of His Excellency the Administrator, having come and being seated at the foot of the Throne, and the House of Commons having been summoned and being come with their Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy of the Administrator was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following bills:

An Act to amend The Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act.

An Act to vary the Manitoba Natural Resources Agreement.

An Act respecting an Income Tax Agreement between Canada and Sweden, signed at Ottawa on the sixth day of April, 1951.