

some time before our Standing Committee on Finance, by whom they were carefully studied, and a general discussion of the bill having taken place a day or two ago. I may remind honourable senators, however, that the bill provides for a sum of, in round figures, \$781 million, consisting of that portion of the main estimates of \$1,985 million which is not composed of statutory items, and also of amounts which have not been voted in the two appropriation bills which have already come before us. The sum of \$781 million, plus supplementary estimates of \$207 million and statutory items in the amounts which have been already appropriated, represents the total of the requirements which parliament has been asked to sanction.

I recommend the bill to the favourable consideration of the house.

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

THIRD READING

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall this bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Now.

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

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

THE ROYAL ASSENT—SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The Right Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, the Deputy of the Governor General, 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 Right Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following bills:

An Act respecting the Bell Telephone Company of Canada.

An Act respecting the Ruthenian Catholic Mission of the Order of Saint Basil the Great in Canada.

An Act to incorporate the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association.

An Act to incorporate the Canadian Association of Optometrists.

An Act respecting Canadian Marconi Company.

An Act respecting Canadian Slovak Benefit Society.

An Act to incorporate the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League.

An Act to incorporate Rinker Finance Corporation.

An Act to incorporate Canadian Co-Operative Processors Limited.

An Act respecting the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

An Act to amend the Canada Evidence Act.

An Act to amend the Mail Contracts Supplemental Payments Act.

An Act to amend the National Housing Act, 1944.

An Act to amend the Judges Act, 1946.

An Act to incorporate the National Fire and Casualty Insurance Company.

An Act to amend the Criminal Code (Race Meetings).

An Act to amend the Loan Companies Act.

An Act respecting the reclamation and development of marshlands in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

An Act to amend the Dominion Succession Duty Act.

An Act to amend the Land Titles Act.

An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act.

An Act to amend the Yukon Act.

An Act to amend the Tariff Board Act.

An Act to provide for carrying into effect the Treaties of Peace between Canada and Italy, Roumania, Hungary and Finland.

An Act to amend an Act respecting the National Battlefields at Quebec.

An Act respecting the supplying of electrical power in the Northwest Territories.

An Act to amend the Railway Act, the Exchequer Court Act and the Judges Act, 1946.

An Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act, 1934.

An Act to amend the Excise Act, 1934.

An Act to amend the Customs Tariff.

An Act to amend the Yukon Placer Mining Act.

An Act to amend the Saskatchewan Natural Resources Act.

An Act to amend the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act, 1932, and the Foreign Insurance Companies Act, 1932.

An Act to amend the Quebec Savings Banks Act.

An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of Canada.

An Act to amend the Veterans Insurance Act.

An Act to amend the Veterans Rehabilitation Act.

An Act to authorize the provision of moneys to meet certain capital expenditures made and capital indebtedness incurred by the Canadian National Railways System during the calendar year 1948, and to authorize the guarantee by His Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway Company.

An Act to amend the War Veterans' Allowance Act, 1946.

An Act to amend the Yukon Quartz Mining Act.

An Act to provide for the investigation, conciliation and settlement of Industrial Disputes.

An Act to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1938.

An Act to amend the Diplomatic Service (Special) Superannuation Act.

An Act to amend the Salaries Act.

An Act to amend the Customs Act.

An Act to amend the Criminal Code.

An Act to amend the Lord's Day Act.

An Act to amend the Agricultural Prices Support Act, 1944.

An Act to amend the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act.

An Act to amend the Department of National Defence Act.

An Act to amend the Income War Tax Act.

An Act to amend the Manitoba Natural Resources Act.