

as Quebec Hydro. The degree and the parameters to which they can exercise their expropriation powers are set out on pages 56 to 58 of the Bill.

Mr. Nickerson: Mr. Chairman, I can read Part VII as well as the Minister can. In reading Part VII, the immediate question which jumps to mind is: What are these other bodies which have powers of expropriation? The Minister has informed us of one, namely, Hydro Quebec. Would we be correct in thinking that the James Bay Corporation or some other corporation might have the same power of expropriation? We are looking for a list of the bodies which have expropriating powers now.

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): Mr. Chairman, if the Hon. Member would look at Clause 118(b), it reads:

—any public body having the power of expropriation under the laws of the Province and specifically authorized by Quebec to carry out the expropriation in question.

• (1510)

That was agreed to. This just reflects what has already been in the agreement for some time.

Mr. Nickerson: You do not list the bodies.

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): The agreement did not list the bodies. Therefore, the Act does not list the bodies. But I do not believe it would stretch anyone's imagination to know that it is boards such as Quebec Hydro and government agencies of that kind in Quebec as in other provinces which are given these powers. I will be pleased to supply the Hon. Member with a list of these types of public bodies if he is not already aware of them.

Mr. Nickerson: It is evident, Mr. Chairman, that the Minister does not know the answer to that question. If he would be kind enough to make a list and have that list circulated at a future date, I am sure we will be most grateful.

My final question, Sir, deals with the applicability of the Income Tax Act to residents of these lands, people who would be beneficiaries. Am I correct in assuming that income tax would not be payable by people resident on these 1A and 1A-N lands who are otherwise beneficiaries under the Act?

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): Mr. Chairman, they have to be Indian. They have to be Cree. They are covered here, obviously. And they have to be Indians living in 1A land. It does not apply to 1B land.

The Chairman: Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chairman: Pursuant to the unanimous agreement expressed earlier, I will now put the question on Clause 2, and its resolution will apply to all clauses up to Clause 218, inclusive.

Shall Clause 2 carry?

War Veterans Allowance Act

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Clauses 2 to 218 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

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[Translation]

WAR VETERANS ALLOWANCE ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin, for the Minister of Veterans Affairs, moved, seconded by Mr. Ouellet, that Bill C-39, An Act to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act, the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act and certain other Acts in relation thereto, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt this motion? The Minister of Labour (Mr. Ouellet).

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleague, the Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Campbell (Cardigan)), who is in Europe to take part in ceremonies commemorating the landing of Allied troops in Normandy, I have the pleasure of presenting this Bill which, I hope, will receive the approval of all Members of this House.

The amendments we intend to propose today will be of considerable benefit to veterans and their families.

Mr. Speaker, the changes we are proposing today will have a short and long-term impact on thousands of Canadians. The proposed amendments will provide, starting this year, for additional assistance to veterans who are in greatest need. They will release the necessary funding so that the Department can meet the needs of aging veterans.

Mr. Speaker, all these objectives can be achieved provided we have sound and careful management. I believe we can achieve a great deal by implementing programs that are not only desirable in human terms but also less costly than other options. The Government is therefore proposing amendments to the War Veterans Allowance Act and the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act. The amendments, however, go beyond the purview of these two Acts. The most significant expenditures approved by Cabinet concern the Aging Veterans Program. These expenditures were not approved by the House because only a change in the regulations was required.

Nevertheless, I think it is important to provide details on improvements in the Aging Veterans Program, because they are so important and because we feel they are definitely preferable, as far as the program's effectiveness is concerned,