

the part of water which has always been in Mines and Technical Surveys. If it is the wish of the committee to do so, we could vote on these two items now, and continue our questioning on the water research branch and water resources branch which seemed in the past to have generated a considerable amount of questioning. If there are no further questions on votes 25 and 40, we could call these now. Is there anyone here who has further questions on these votes?

Mr. ANDRAS: Mr. Chairman, did you say we were going to go on with something which will permit questions on water research?

The CHAIRMAN: Water research and water resources. If we pass votes 25 and 30, this will not preclude us from questioning the officials on the other area. Secondly, of course, if at some later date, between now and the conclusion of our meeting, somebody has further questioning which will be directed to votes 25 and 30, this can certainly be done when we return to item 1. So is it your wish to pass votes 25 and 30 at this time?

Items 25 and 30 agreed to.

We shall now proceed with votes 70, 75 and 80 together as we have been doing, and I believe Mr. McCutcheon was questioning Dr. Prince.

70. Administration, Operation and Maintenance including Canada's share of the expenses of the International Executive Council, World Power Conference, authority to make recoverable advances in amounts not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of the shares of the Province of Manitoba and of the Province of Ontario of the cost of regulating the levels of Lake of the Woods and Lac Seul and the amount of the shares of provincial and outside agencies of the cost of hydrometric surveys, and \$50,000 for Grants to Universities for Hydrologic Research, \$5,609,000.

75. Construction or Acquisition of Buildings, Works, Land and Equipment including authority to make recoverable advances in amounts not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of the shares of provincial and outside agencies of the cost of hydrometric surveys, \$1,106,000.

80. Contributions to the provinces towards the construction of dams and other works to assist in the conservation and control of water resources in accordance with agreements entered into between Canada and the provinces, \$10,715,000.

Mr. McCUTCHEON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, thank you very much. As a matter of fact, if my memory serves me correctly, I had asked Dr. Prince if the western end of Lake Erie had been lost through pollution and I believe, and I hope the doctor will correct me on this, that the story which he gave us was that it was not irreparably gone, but that it conceivably and quite likely never would be back in the condition it once was. Is this correct?

Dr. A. T. PRINCE (*Director, Water Research Branch, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys*): Yes.

Mr. McCUTCHEON: Now, since that time a statement has appeared in the press by a director of the Detroit River and Lake Erie Joint Commission stating that the United States side of the river will be cleaned up by 1970. Do you agree?