

*Supply—Items Passed*

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**The Chairman:** The committee will now deal with the estimates of the Department of Veterans Affairs. These estimates are to be found on page 556.

## Administration—

1. Departmental Administration, \$5,742,000.

## Welfare Services, Allowances and Other Benefits—

5. Administration, including the expenses of the War Veterans Allowance Board, \$6,596,400.

10. War Veterans Allowances, Civilian War Allowances and Assistance in accordance with the provisions of the Assistance Fund Regulations, \$108,680,000.

15. Other Benefits, including Education Assistance, Hospital Insurance Premiums or payments in lieu thereof re recipients of War Veterans Allowance and Civilian War Allowance, repayments under subsection (3) of section 12 of the Veterans' Rehabilitation Act in such amounts as the Minister of Veterans Affairs determines, not exceeding the whole of amounts equivalent to the compensating adjustments or payments made under that Act, where the persons who made the compensating adjustments or payments received no benefits under the Veterans' Land Act, or where, having had financial assistance under the Veterans' Land Act, are deemed by the Minister on termination of their Veterans' Land Act contracts or agreements to have derived thereunder either no benefits or benefits that are less than the amounts of the compensating adjustments or payments, and grants as detailed in the Estimates, \$3,446,200.

## Pensions—

20. Administration, \$3,201,000.

25. Pensions for Disability and Death, including pensions granted under the authority of the Civilian Government Employees (War) Compensation Order, P.C. 45/8848 of November 22, 1944, which shall be subject to the Pension Act; Newfoundland Special Awards; Burial Grants; and Gallantry Awards (World War II and Special Force), \$225,229,000.

## Treatment Services—

30. Operation and Maintenance including authority, notwithstanding the Financial Administration Act, to spend revenue received during the year for hospital and related services, \$53,780,000.

35. Hospital Construction, Improvements, Equipment and Acquisition of Land including contributions to Provinces and other authorities towards such costs, \$6,569,000.

38. Treatment and Related Allowances, \$3,030,000.

## Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act—

40. Administration of Veterans' Land Act; Soldier Settlement and British Family Settlement; upkeep of property, Veterans' Land Act, including engineering and other investigational planning expenses that do not add tangible value to real property, taxes, insurance and maintenance of public utilities; and to authorize, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, necessary remedial work on

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properties constructed under individual firm price contracts and sold under the Veterans' Land Act and to correct defects for which neither the veteran nor the contractor can be held financially responsible, and for such other work on other properties as may be required to protect the interest of the Director therein, \$5,414,000.

45. Grants to veterans settled on Provincial Lands in accordance with agreements with Provincial Governments under section 38 of the Veterans' Land Act, grants to veterans settled on Dominion Lands in accordance with an agreement with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development under section 38 of the Veterans' Land Act and grants to Indian veterans settled on Indian Reserve Lands under section 39 of the Veterans' Land Act, \$110,000.

**The Chairman:** That concludes the business of the committee of supply for the time being. Shall I rise and report certain resolutions—

**Mr. Bell:** On a point of order, I just want it to be recorded in *Hansard* for all posterity to see that the government, with its huge majority, has crammed through billions of dollars without the opposition having a chance to say anything about it.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**An hon. Member:** Why didn't you vote against them?

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

## WAYS AND MEANS

House in committee of ways and means, Mr. Faulkner in the chair.

**Mr. Drury moved:**

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending the 31st March, 1969, the sum of \$1,575,007,182.08 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

● (10:30 p.m.)

**Mr. McGrath:** Mr. Chairman, before the resolution is concurred in, let the record show that if the government has its way this is the last time the house will have an opportunity to have a discussion on a supply vote.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

**Mr. Drury** thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-141, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1969.