

Mr. CADIEUX: I think this would be an interesting scheme, but it would be terribly expensive and would have implications in respect of the cost of the commodity itself. In addition, you might have problems of disposal later on, as well as the problem of storage, transportation, and deterioration. I am sure the people concerned in this scheme may have plans which involve something like that, but in the meantime they have to start in a little more modest manner.

Item agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: On item 115:

115. Assessments for membership in the international (including commonwealth) organizations that are detailed in the estimates, including authority to pay such assessments in the amounts and in the currencies in which they are levied, notwithstanding that the total of such payments may exceed the equivalent in Canadian dollars, estimated as of December, 1962, which is, \$7,596,300.

Mr. GELBER: I think we should have the details on this item, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. CADIEUX: The details here by object are: United Nations organization, \$2,736,390; food and agriculture organization, \$773,690; international atomic energy agency, \$242,719; international civil aviation organization, \$222,984; international labour organization, \$561,815; inter-governmental maritime consultative organization, \$8,605; United Nations educational scientific and cultural organization, \$612,380; world health organization, \$1,041,453; permanent court of arbitration, \$1,152; administration of the general agreement on tariffs and trade, \$75,294; commonwealth economic committee, \$85,770; commonwealth educational liaison unit, \$14,722; commonwealth shipping committee, \$1,025; North Atlantic treaty organization, \$571,653; organization for economic co-operation and development, \$646,648. This makes a total of \$7,596,300.

Mr. GELBER: What is our proportion of the total United Nations budget; at what rate are we assessed, aside from the peacekeeping operations?

Mr. CADIEUX: It is 3.12 per cent.

Mr. GELBER: This means that the total world budget of these organizations is really very modest when you think of the world wide significance of these international agencies. That is the point I wished to make, Mr. Chairman.

Items 115 and 120 agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: On item 125:

125. Payment to the international civil aviation organization in part reimbursement of compensation paid to its Canadian employees for Quebec income tax for the 1962 taxation year, \$15,000.

Mr. CHOQUETTE: Would you explain that?

Mr. CADIEUX: This payment to the international civil aviation organization is in part reimbursement of compensation paid to its Canadian employees for Quebec income tax.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Why are they subject to the Quebec income tax?

Mr. CADIEUX: Because the Quebec government levies taxes on them. These persons are Canadians who live in the province, and under the agreement they are not exempt.

Item agreed to.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: That answers it.

Item agreed to.

130. To provide the international civil aviation organization with office accommodation at less than commercial rates, \$387,600.

Mr. MACEWAN: Where is that?