

He said: Honourable senators, the purpose of this bill is to provide for the necessary requirements of the public service during the months of August, September and October 1961. This is an interim supply bill. There will be no final supply bill until such time as Parliament is about to prorogue. It is the intention at this stage of the session not to prorogue, but merely to adjourn for the summer.

The total amount to be voted for the fiscal year 1961-62 is \$3,861,691,578. A large proportion of that amount has already been voted. By Appropriation Bill No. 1 we voted one-sixth generally of the main estimates plus additional proportions of 15 special items to provide for expenditures during April and May, to a total of \$638,909,350.10. By Appropriation Act No. 3 we voted one-sixth generally of the main estimates plus some additional proportions of 24 special items to provide for expenditures during June and July, for a total of \$633,958,817.

By this bill, Appropriation Bill No. 4, we shall be voting one-quarter generally of the main estimates and seven-twelfths generally of the supplementary and further supplementary estimates, which honourable senators have had in their possession for some considerable time and which, no doubt, they will have studied, plus additional proportions of 36 special items to provide for expenditures during August, September and October. The total provided for by this bill, Appropriation Act No. 4, is \$1,045,379,927.94. If and when this legislation passes we shall have voted \$2,318,248,095.04 of \$3,861,691,578 that has to be voted for the full fiscal year.

If honourable senators will look at the bill just introduced they will find that its purpose is to vote one-fourth of all the items to be voted in the estimates, this one-fourth amounting to \$922,235,223.75.

In Schedule A to the bill we provide for an additional one-third of six items totalling \$271,666.67; in Schedule B we provide for an additional one-sixth of 16 items totalling \$4,271,818.84, and in Schedule C we provide for one-twelfth of eight items totalling \$3,591,936.92.

Out of the supplementary estimates for 1961-62, totalling \$152,445,683, we are asking for only seven-twelfths, totalling \$88,926,648.41. In addition to those seven-twelfths of the supplementary estimates, one-third of Votes 516 and 527 is required at this time, I understand, for seasonal payments that have to be met, which total \$1,181,383.34. This is to be found in Schedule D to the bill.

An additional one-fourth of Votes 514 and 590, referred to in Schedule E to the bill, is required. This amounts to \$12,515,000.

Further supplementary estimates were tabled some time ago amounting to \$20,305,000, but only a certain portion of those supplementaries are required at this time.

The bill sets out that seven-twelfths of all those items in the further supplementaries are required, totalling \$11,844,583.34. In addition to that, one-third of Votes 605 and 606, amounting to \$541,666.67, is required, as stated in Schedule F to the bill.

All the items which I have mentioned as provided for by this Appropriation Bill No. 4 total \$1,045,379,927.94.

Honourable senators, I have set out as briefly as I can the substance of the bill before us. I should like to say that in no instance is the total amount of an item being released by this bill. It will be observed that the bill is in the usual form requested by the Senate some years ago, and the figures and information I have given are completely set out in section 2 on pages 1 and 2 of the bill.

In view of the fact that this is just an interim supply bill and that in no case is the total amount realized, it will be open to honourable senators at any time when the final supply bill comes in, or whenever any other interim supply bill is brought before the Senate, to question any item, and in so far as I am able to do so I assure honourable senators that I will make no objection whatsoever to full consideration of any item if it is raised in this chamber.

I do not know that I need to go any further at the present time. There are several large items in the supplementary estimates, principally \$50 million for the railways, \$12,500,000 for the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, \$10 million for ships, \$31,250,000 for pensions, and some \$20 million for vocational training. These are the large amounts.

Hon. Mr. Fournier: Honourable senators, may I ask the honourable Leader (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) to dispense with further explanation?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: That honourable senators, is my explanation at this time. If any questions are asked I shall do my best to answer them.

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators, this bill is in the usual form. As the main estimates and the main Appropriation Bill have not been passed, it is necessary to grant interim supply so that the Government will have sufficient funds to carry on the affairs of the country during the period that Parliament is adjourned.

I wish to ask a question, based on a report I received to the effect that when we