Ways and Means

L83g. Acquisition of two Twin-Otter aircraft for leasing to Leeward Islands Air Transport Services Limited, in accordance with an agreement to be entered into with the approval of the Governor in Council, at a rent that will reimburse the crown for the cost of acquisition, and that will include an option to purchase the said aircraft, notwithstanding anything contained in the Surplus Crown Assets Act, \$771,757.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans affairs-

Treatment services-

L100g. To authorize the operation, in accordance with section 58 of the Financial Administration Act, of a revolving fund for the purpose of financing the acquisition and storage of materials and supplies by departmental hospitals and other facilities in Canada, including the central medical stores maintained in Ottawa; the amount to be charged to the revolving fund at any time not to exceed, \$5,000,000.

Item agreed to.

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

WAYS AND MEANS

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue and President of the Treasury Board) moved that the house go into committee of ways and means.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Batten in the chair.

Mr. Benson 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 day of March, 1967, the sum of \$324,983,578 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

Mr. Benson thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-282 for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st day of March, 1967.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall the bill be read a second time?

Some hon. Members: By leave, now.

Mr. Benson moved the second reading of the bill.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Batten in the chair.

[Mr. Benson.]

On clause 2—\$324,983,578 granted for 1966-67.

Mr. Benson: I rise at this time to assure hon. members that the bill is in the usual form, that the items contained therein are exactly the same as the items which were included in the resolution, based on estimates.

Mr. Knowles: May I ask, for the purposes of certainty, whether it is clear that item 60f is not in this bill.

Mr. Benson: It is not in the copy I have. If it is I shall move that it be deleted.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

On clause 4—Commitments.

Mr. Cowan: May I ask how many millions of dollars have been voted in this bill under contingencies?

Mr. Monteith: That is a good question.

The Chairman: Shall the item carry?

Mr. Monteith: Mr. Chairman, the hon. member for York-Humber is asking a very sensible question. How much is in here for contingencies?

Mr. Benson: There is nothing in here for contingencies. This is money which must be spent by the end of the month, by the end of March. No contingency reserves are being built up.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Batten in the chair.

INTERIM SUPPLY

Mr. Benson moved:

Resolved, that a sum not exceeding \$583,621,688.93, being the aggregate of— $\,$

(a) one-twelfth of the total of all of the items set forth in the main estimates for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1968, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of parliament, \$499,354,305.59;