

ter costs had increased astronomically. The recent consumer price index puts it .7 per cent behind, but this included 1.3 per cent transport, 2.4 per cent—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, with leave of the House, I would like to revert to motions.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. There was an order of the House made at the end of last week that we would revert to motions at this time and proceed with supplementary estimates (C), standing, I believe, in the name of the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Chrétien).

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

### BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

#### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (C) 1974-75

A message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of Canada transmitting Supplementary Estimates (C) with regard to sums required for the public service of Canada for the financial year ending March 31, 1975 and, pursuant to the provisions of the British North America Act, 1867, recommending those estimates to the House of Commons, was presented by Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of Treasury Board) and read by Mr. Speaker to the House.

Pursuant to the special order made by the House on Friday, December 13, 1974, I move that Supplementary Estimates (C) 1974-75 be concurred in.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Pursuant to special order made Friday, December 13, 1974, the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Chrétien) moves:

That supplementary estimates (C) 1974-75, laid upon the Table this day, be concurred in.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Mr. Baldwin:** I think so, Mr. Speaker, but I wonder whether we could have a look at the estimates.

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, I gave a copy to the Table for distribution.

**Mr. Speaker:** In accordance with the order made, there is no debate. However, I presume there will be a bill presented pursuant to the order.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, I am not objecting to it; I just wanted to know whether I could have a copy.

**Mr. Chrétien:** I have given a copy to the Table for distribution, so I am waiting too.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

### Supplementary Estimates

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. Chrétien** thereupon moved that Bill C-45, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1975, be read the first time and printed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall the bill be read the second time? By provision of special order made Friday last, now?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chrétien** thereupon moved that Bill C-45, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending 31st March 1975, be read the second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

**Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming):** Mr. Speaker, before this passes I should like to make a couple of comments. First of all, I presume this allocation is made from the surtax that has been collected and relates to oil brought into Canada from outside for Canadian use and consumption.

The Ottawa Valley pipe line has been in existence now for some period of time, but we have yet to resolve what I feel is a major problem. Although the area east of the Ottawa Valley for a long period of time has had a very large advantage over the rest of Canada regarding offshore oil, the government has been considering extending the Sarnia pipe line to Montreal to bring western Canadian crude to eastern Canada via the United States.

This bill provides for payments to oil companies in eastern Canada to equalize the cost of gas and oil with the rest of the country, but I think we should seriously consider the construction of a national pipe line that would go a long way toward equalization of cost right across the country. As this supplementary estimate indicates, we seem to be operating on a day to day basis in solving Canada's petroleum supply problem.

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More and more people in the United States are reacting, beginning with representatives from some of the southern states such as Tennessee, by suggesting that a surcharge should be applied to the Emerson-Sarnia line so that compensation can be paid to the United States in respect of the transmission of crude through the United States. This, to my mind, leads to a much greater problem.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. As I understand it, we have given first reading to a bill based on the supplementary estimate and we are now debating second reading. Should we not have copies of the bill?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** The bill is being distributed.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** It is distributed on the government side but we have not got copies over here.