

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, December 4th, 1969.

The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance, to which was referred the Supplementary Estimates "A" for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1970, has in obedience to the order of reference of November 19th, 1969, examined the said Supplementary Estimates and reports as follows:

1. Your Committee has examined the said Supplementary Estimates "A" and has heard evidence thereon from the Honourable C. M. Drury, President of the Treasury Board, and Mr. S. Cloutier, Deputy Secretary, Programs Branch, of the Treasury Board.

2. The said Supplementary Estimates provide for total expenditures of \$66,446,526.00 and for loans of \$24,760,002.00, bringing the total of Main and Supplementary Estimates for the current fiscal year to \$11,924,098.00 and the total of Loans, Investments and Advances to \$634,418,060.00.

3. It was stated in evidence before us by the President of the Treasury Board that the total of these Estimates plus additions that may be made by final Supplementary Estimates will be consistent with a budgetary surplus for the fiscal year.

4. Included in the said Supplementary Estimates "A" were forty-four (44) one dollar (\$1) items about which your Committee made inquiries and the explanations of these items are contained in a statement furnished by the Treasury Board and attached as an Appendix to this Report. Over the past several years your Committee has been concerned about the number and character of one dollar (\$1) items contained in various Supplementary Estimates. In consequence thereof at a meeting of this Committee held on November 2nd, 1967, the then Secretary of the Treasury Board, Dr. George F. Davidson, expressed his willingness to give an undertaking to provide the Committee with mimeographed explanations of such items. As a result, the Appendix to this Report explains the one dollar (\$1) items in the said Supplementary Estimates "A".

5. The largest vote in these Supplementary Estimates is Vote 5a for \$40,000,000.00 for the Treasury Board and your Committee received evidence from the witnesses to the effect that this item is required to assist the Board in connection with salary adjustments for all departments of the Government as a result of bargaining negotiations with employees.

Respectfully submitted.

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*Chairman.*