

this Bill, but I do want to protest against the summoning of Parliament to meet at such a late date. For the purpose of having a full discussion of war expenditures we should have been in session certainly not later than the 1st of February. I recognize that although the Senate may reject, it has no power to amend, a money bill. A few years ago the honourable leader opposite (Hon. Mr. King) adopted the excellent practice of having resolutions relating to war and other financial measures considered by our Standing Committee on Finance before the bills themselves reach this Chamber. That practice, which was not followed in the present instance, enables us to question the Ministers and Deputy Ministers of the departments concerned and get full information on the proposed expenditures. I appreciate that this Bill covers only interim supply for a period of about five months, and that further supply will be dealt with by a new Parliament, but frankly I do not like to see money bills rushed through. I repeat, I am not objecting to the Bill at all, but I believe it was a mistake to delay the assembling of Parliament until there was not time enough left for a thorough investigation of these expenditures.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

THIRD READING

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall this Bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. KING: I move that third reading be given now.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

APPROPRIATION BILL No. 2

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 4, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1946.

The Bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Honourable senators, when shall this Bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. KING: With leave, I would move second reading now.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I presume this is a vote of five-twelfths of the total civil estimates.

Hon. Mr. HAIG.

Hon. Mr. KING: It is for a period of five months, yes.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I thought that was so, but I do not see it stated in the Bill.

Hon. Mr. COPP: The amount mentioned in section 2 is said to be five-twelfths of the main estimates.

Hon. Mr. KING: This Bill is for an appropriation of \$148,845,000.59, being five-twelfths of the main estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1946. In addition it votes the sum of \$437,749.83, one-twelfth of the amount of each of the items in schedule A, and \$862,958.33, one-sixth of the amount of the items in schedule B.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Yes, I understand that.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. KING moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Governor General, acquainting him that the Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber on Monday, April 16, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of proroguing the present session of Parliament.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Mr. KING: Honourable senators, I move that when the senate adjourns to-day it do stand adjourned until Monday, April 16, at 2.45 p.m.

The motion was agreed to:

The Senate adjourned until Monday, April 16, at 2.45 p.m.

THE SENATE

Monday, April 16, 1945.

The Senate met at 2.45 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.