

Business of the House

Mr. Sevigny: Mr. Chairman, when I hear my hon. friend pleading the cause of his constituents with such eloquence, I understand why they keep placing their confidence in him.

Mr. Chairman, in reply to my hon. friend, I wish to say that, first of all, the site must be easy of access, developable, not too expensive and, in addition, it must be attractive and impressive to all visitors. Because of the importance of our exhibition, the site will then have to offer certain advantages from an aesthetic point of view. It will have to be reasonably easy of access. Of course, there are other considerations to take into account, but I think I have underlined the main points.

(Text):

Clause agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

On clause 11—*Grants to corporation out of C.R.F.*

(Translation):

Mr. Lachance: I only want to ask a short question. Section 11 refers to a sum of \$20 million which shall be payable to the corporation. I wonder whether the wording is not ambiguous here. One would think that the corporation can only receive a maximum of \$20 million.

Mr. Sevigny: Mr. Chairman, let me say this in reply to the question by the hon. member.

Hon. members know, as I have mentioned it, that the government has already granted a sum of \$20 million. The province contributes \$15 million and the city of Montreal, \$5 million.

There is a section in the bill to that effect. I have forgotten which one it is, but it is there. This section gives the corporation a borrowing power, which will be in effect providing the federal and provincial governments agree to it. The borrowings will be negotiated by the corporation on a 50-50 basis.

Therefore, \$40 million will be voted for the efficient administration and the progress of this corporation. Should the corporation need more money, it will use its borrowing power at the appropriate time.

(Text):

Clause 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 agreed to.

On clause 13—*Bank accounts.*

(Translation):

Mr. Gregoire: Mr. Chairman, may we recommend that the corporation do not go and borrow from finance companies, at 30 per cent interest?

(Text):

Clause 13 agreed to.

Clauses 14 to 19 inclusive agreed to.

Title agreed to.

(Translation):

Mr. Sevigny: With your permission, Mr. Chairman, although there is only 30 seconds left, I should like to simply say this.

I attach a tremendous importance to this exhibition for which I have worked for so long now. I wish to thank the hon. members in this house for their wonderful co-operation. I am satisfied that all together we have accomplished something great and that the people of Canada, and especially those who live in Montreal, are delighted this evening.

(Text):

Bill reported and read the third time and passed.

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Mr. Speaker: It being 8.45 o'clock p.m.—

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Unfortunately I am precluded by the clock from hearing the hon. member. I must call private members' hour.

Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, I think unanimous consent will be given to the request about to be made by the hon. member.

Mr. Speaker: If there is unanimous consent that I defer seeing the clock. Then I will recognize the hon. member for Trinity (Mr. Hellyer).

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Then I call on the hon. member for Trinity.

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, Bill No. S-16 was reported back to the house earlier this day without amendment, and would ordinarily appear on the order paper tomorrow. In view of the circumstances, I wonder whether the house would give its consent to considering the bill at this time?

Mr. Speaker: Unanimous consent of the house is sought by the hon. member for Trinity that Bill No. S-16 be considered later this day. Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It being 8.45 o'clock p.m., in accordance with the order made earlier this day the house will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely notices of motion (papers), as appear on page 20 of the order paper.

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, it was my understanding that we should deal with this bill