

The Committee started but did not have opportunity to make an exhaustive review of current practices in computing vote amounts. Specifically, the problem is: whether the total of a vote providing for the performance of revenue services should be the net or gross amount; whether Parliament should vote all or only that part which will not be recovered by service charges. Obviously the latter will make departments more revenue-minded, although your Committee takes notice of possible administrative problems.

Practice in some countries and provinces takes one form and in others the opposite. Your Committee therefore maintains an open mind but is of opinion that the subject should be thoroughly explored because ever-expanding public activities correspondingly add to the responsibilities resting on Parliament when voting Supply. It is recommended that the Minister of Finance cause a review to be made of vote structures to provide for the needs of two servicing departments with some distinguishing characteristics in services provided in return for fees or charges—for example, the departments of Veterans Affairs and Secretary of State. It being a fact-finding study of administrative and parliamentary needs, it would be desirable were an officer of the Auditor General to participate.

A copy of the Committee's Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence is appended.

*(The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 18 to the Journals)*

The House resolved itself again into Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee)*

The following resolutions were adopted *(less amounts voted in Interim Supply)*:

#### MAIN ESTIMATES, 1958-59

#### LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND ADVANCES

##### FINANCE

503 Loan to the Ottawa Civil Service Recreational Association, on such terms and conditions as the Governor in Council may approve, to assist in the construction of the W. Clifford Clark Memorial Recreation Centre ..\$	300,000 00
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#### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1958-59

##### FINANCE

##### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

550 Departmental Administration—Further amount required	20,775 00
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