

Supplementary Estimates

Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, I too sat on the miscellaneous estimates committee and I should like to raise one topic in the moment or two available to me. On that committee we voted an extra \$40 million to pay for the salary increases of civil servants. I suggest that in the \$1 items we transferred about another \$20 million, in effect voting another \$20 million to pay these increases. I am not questioning the pay increases themselves, but I do suggest that the \$20 million we transferred was in effect a reduction in government capital expenditure, and we should have something to show for it next year. I realize that an effective and contented civil service is a useful tool for the government, but nevertheless this increase will have to be found in other years.

May I just comment briefly on the admission of the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Drury) that some of his colleagues had not been willing to accept the principle of cost-benefit studies in their approach to estimating the cost of programs requiring government expenditure.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Bécharde): Order. It being 9.45 o'clock p.m. it is my duty, pursuant to section 10 of Standing Order 58, to interrupt the proceedings forthwith and put every question now before the House, including any bill based thereon. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Drury thereupon moved that Bill C-169, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1970, be read the first time.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. Drury thereupon moved that Bill C-169, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1970, be read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Bécharde in the chair.

On clause 2—\$91,206,528 granted for 1969-70.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

Mr. Drury moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Bécharde): Shall I call it ten o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

At 9.50 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.