

example, if they take up the Interprovincial Pipe Line bill next Thursday, it should be very short. That would enable us to meet also, provided we are sitting next Thursday. Are there any suggestions as to a program or what our procedure should be?

Senator KINLEY: There seems to be a little misunderstanding about the subsidy on ships, in connection with the merchant marine. Senator Edgar Fournier mentioned this in his speech last night, and mention has been made of it in the House of Commons. I wonder if an authentic statement could be given on that. I think what they did was restore the subsidy on marine to 25 per cent, which was stopped as you know, for a while. The fishing vessels are still the same—40 per cent for a wooden vessel and 50 per cent for an iron ship, I think. I would like to see an official statement come from this committee.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further suggestions?

Senator ISNOR: Mr. Chairman, is it understood that we meet on Thursdays in future? I think we should decide on that, so that we would know where we stand.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that the general feeling? That is what I have suggested. There is a possibility, of course, that the Committee on Transport and Communications might get a heavy bill like the Ottawa Terminal Railway bill.

Senator KINLEY: We might have to change the hour to suit.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. However, if it is agreed that Thursday is the best day, we will keep in mind that we should meet every Thursday from now on during the session, as long as witnesses are available.

Hon. SENATORS: Agreed.

Senator REID: Has most of this money not been spent? I notice it deals with the fiscal year ending March 1966. Does that not mean that most of the money is gone?

The CHAIRMAN: You are directing this question on Supplementary Estimates D. I would ask Dr. Davidson and Mr. Allen if they would come forward, as this is the kind of question they are capable of answering.

I do not think I need to introduce them to you. We are very glad to have them with us. Senator Reid has just asked a question on Supplementary Estimates D. Senator Reid, would you repeat your question?

Senator REID: As these estimates deal with the fiscal year ending March 1966, has not most of the money been spent already?

Dr. George Davidson, Secretary of the Treasury Board: Mr. Chairman and honourable senators, a good deal of the money has been spent already. Senator Reid, I could answer this question better as we go along, in detail if you wish me to do so. Quite a bit of the money was authorized by Governor General's warrants during the months of November, December and January; but it is the practice and the requirement, even though the expenditure has been authorized by Governor General's warrant and made, to include it in the next following supplementary estimates if it is not already covered in the preceding main estimates or supplementary estimates.

Senator FLYNN: I thought that Governor General's warrants could be obtained only when the house was dissolved. As soon as the new Parliament was elected I thought that you could not obtain Governor General's warrants.

Dr. DAVIDSON: The use of Governor General's warrants, Senator Flynn, according to the Financial Administration Act, applies to periods when Parliament is not in session. The wording of Section 28 of the Financial Administration Act, which was amended in September 1958, refers to cases where a payment is urgently required for the public good when Parliament is not in session.