

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Cape Breton): Provided the rights of the veterans are protected.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: I am sure there will be no question about that because the Department of Veterans Affairs and indeed the Government would never permit otherwise. However, I now want to ask, is there any policy on the part of the Government in connection with the taking over of these veterans' hospitals if and when they are not needed? I do not have any further questions to ask at this time.

I know that in committee on supply in the other place members are able to ask whatever questions they wish and get the answers they require, but here we have to ask the questions at this time to get the information we seek. I hope we may be able to get information on these matters.

Hon. Donald Cameron: I also have one or two questions to ask.

I refer first to page 3, items 10 and 15, having to do with the Technical and Vocational Training Assistance Act. It mentions the amount of money being set aside for training and research. Would it be possible to find out how many technical and vocational schools have been established since this act came into force in 1961, and could this information be broken down by provinces? Secondly, what research projects are being carried out under this act at the present time and where are they located?

Then, turning to page 6, item 25, the Library of Parliament, I would like to take this opportunity of saying how much the additional services provided by the research department of the library mean to those who have occasion to seek material for speeches, papers and so on. The money that is being spent for that particular activity is a most justifiable expenditure. I am delighted with the service being given.

That is the only comment I have to make on this matter.

Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators—

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: I must inform honourable senators that if the honourable Senator Connolly speaks now it will have the effect of closing the debate.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Honourable senators, I think it would be less

than fair if I attempted to give an offhand answer even to some of the questions that have been asked by the honourable Leader of the Opposition and by the senator from Banff. These are serious questions and deserve more attention than I could give them here this evening. I could give some partial answers, but I would prefer to make inquiries of the appropriate officials in the appropriate department. When I receive the answers I shall place them on *Hansard*.

In the meantime, I remind all honourable senators that if there are other questions on these schedules upon which they desire further information after perusing the bill further, that information will be available in the Finance Committee. I hope that is a satisfactory manner of dealing with the matter.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: Yes, that is satisfactory.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time.

THIRD READING

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Honourable senators, it may be that interim supply will be available for our consideration a little later this evening. With that in prospect, and the prospect even of Royal Assent for these two money bills, I would ask favourable consideration of the proposal that this bill be read the third time now, and I so move.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

CROP INSURANCE ACT

BILL TO AMEND—SECOND READING

The Senate resumed from earlier this day the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Hastings for the second reading of Bill C-208, to amend the Crop Insurance Act.

Hon. Arthur M. Pearson: Honourable senators, I rise to speak on this bill because I too come from Saskatchewan—my honourable colleague on the other side (Hon. Mr. Hastings) said that he originally came from Regina. I wish to congratulate him on the fine speech he made in explanation of this measure to amend the original Crop Insurance Act, and commend him for his clarity. Having heard Senator Hastings, I am sure all honourable senators feel they know a little more about crop insurance than they did before he spoke.