

Estimates

I would like to turn to Sawyer Boats. This outfit received on November 25, 1975, one loan of \$55,000, another on the same day of \$19,800, and a third on the same day of \$25,200. That was over \$99,000 in one day for a company which was, in the opinion of the department, "in a precarious position", and a project that "may well be a candidate for bankruptcy". Mr. Mackie did not consider that that type of funding thrice in one day for a firm already on the verge of bankruptcy unusual.

I turn now to the blatant examples of political patronage at the individual level. I ask why, in the wildest stretch of the imagination, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development would arrange a term loan for Cardinal Family Farms in Alberta for \$113,000 with a repayment of \$1 a year for the first four years, plus simple interest. I ask how an operating loan for \$15,000 under the same terms could be allowed. I ask how it could be done with practically nothing in terms of equity owned by the Cardinal family. The Cardinal family had equity of \$10,000 and received \$153,000.

I also asked about Chief Norman Yellowbird of Alberta. He received \$22,000. He had equity of less than \$2,000. This little story is interesting because one of the conditions of the loan was that Yellowbird dispose of unnecessary equipment, machinery and other vehicles. In spite of this, Yellowbird did not sell his car, and when the second loan was authorized on June 6 the loan contained a condition that the car be sold. Yellowbird traded his car in and purchased a new \$6,000 pick-up truck. Previous to this he already owned three trucks, one of which was a pick-up truck in relatively good condition. The money obtained from this under-the-counter dealing was used as payments on Yellowbird's new truck and a new \$45,000 house. That is political patronage of the worst kind.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Brisco: Let no one doubt or challenge my intentions.

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[Translation]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN VOTE 1, PARLIAMENT

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It being 5.45 p.m., it is my duty, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 58(10), to interrupt the proceedings and to put forthwith every question as may be necessary to dispose of any item of business relating to the main estimates and for the passage at all stages of the bill based thereon.

[English]

Mr. Andras, seconded by Mr. MacEachen, moves that Vote 1—

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, before you put the motion in the name of the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Andras) I should like to rise briefly on a point of order. I do not object to the fact that what will be put to the House is the positive motion for this particular item, but

I still think, as other hon. members do, that a way should be found for it to show in the record that the reason that positive motion is being put is because a member filed notice of opposition. In this case the notice of opposition happens to be in my name, and I would like it to be clear that the reason we are voting on this one item in the name of the President of the Treasury Board is that we want the opportunity to vote against spending all this money on the Senate.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I understand the preoccupation of the hon. member, but it is difficult for me at this time to satisfy him, except to indicate to him that he should look at this matter for future times. However, at this time I have no alternative. In raising his point of order I think the hon. member has achieved what he wanted to, without too much debate, of course, but everybody knows that the reason we have a separate vote on that first motion is that there is an item which is opposed by the hon. member.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on one other point of order. I think the word "parliament" should be spelled correctly in the English version, not "parliment".

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: I shall read it correctly!

Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board) moved:

That Vote 1, in the amount of \$6,925,892 under Parliament for the Senate—Program Expenditures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1978 (less the amount voted in Interim Supply), be concurred in.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed of the motion will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion which was agreed to on the following division: