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cooperation to get this resolution through this evening. We have looked very carefully over the programme ahead, and it is my opinion that unless by consent and cooperation we can dispose of this resolution this evening we shall not be able to have prorogation before Christmas. I leave the matter entirely in the hands of the committee, without the slightest suggestion of dictation, but I do ask the cooperation of every party and group in this house in an endeavour to get this resolution through to-night, reserving to every member all his rights to ask questions when the civil estimates are up for consideration.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Mr. MACKENZIE: If that is agreeable there is a slight amendment, purely a formality, to move, which is made necessary by our previous action in already voting \$400,000,000 of this appropriation. I therefore move:

That the words "less the amount provided for by the War Expenditure and Demobilization Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1945, be added after the figures \$1,365,000,000 in the first line of paragraph 1 of the said resolution."

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. MACKENZIE: I move that the resolution as amended be adopted.

Mr. FLEMING: May I ask a question of the Minister of Veterans Affairs? He referred to the fact that our right to ask questions was reserved.

Mr. MACKENZIE: That is most definitely the case.

Mr. FLEMING: There are some reports to be brought down by the Minister of Reconstruction.

Mr. MACKENZIE: That is well recognized and will be attended to.

Mr. MAYBANK: Do I understand that a discussion of one or two subjects which are before us now can be continued, not only by asking questions, under civil estimates? Is that correct?

Mr. MACKENZIE: That is correct.

Mr. MAYBANK: This matter just reopens again.

Mr. MACKENZIE: Well, what does not reopen is the appropriation. This will be passed. But any information desired by any hon. member can be obtained on civil supply.

The CHAIRMAN: Does the resolution as amended carry?

Mr. POULIOT: Mr. Chairman, I—

[Mr. Mackenzie.]

Mr. MAYBANK: Mr. Chairman, may I rise to a question of privilege? I am quite sure my hon. friend will not deny me this. I was addressing you to make some remarks to the committee when it developed, by reason of two or three questions, that if I did not do so this item would carry. It was by reason of answers which were given and the general attitude of the committee that I desisted from making any remarks on the resolution which is before us. I submit, sir, that if it is not a fact that the resolution is going to carry immediately, I should be allowed, say, five or ten minutes to lay before the committee certain observations which I had desired to make. I feel sure my hon. friend will agree that that is a proper point to take as a question of privilege. But I do not wish to do this if it will hold up the passage of this resolution.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

Mr. POULIOT: No, sir, I have the right to speak. And I will not say that what I am going to say will not be long. I am here; I have the right to speak; and I will speak as much as I want. By the way, what I have to say is only one sentence. I cannot conceive that the treasury has enough money to pay \$2,500,000 to deport Japanese when another department, the Department of Mines and Resources, is charging \$1,350 for the repatriation of two nuns of Rivière du Loup who have been in a concentration camp in Japan. This I cannot conceive.

Mr. STIRLING: May I understand the exact position with regard to the Minister of Reconstruction? If this motion carries we pass out of the committee stage and Mr. Speaker returns to the chair. When will the Minister of Reconstruction give the information which he withheld the other evening?

Mr. MACKENZIE: He will answer any questions on the item 6, which will be called.

Resolution as amended agreed to.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Mitchell thereupon moved for leave to introduce bill No. 172, for granting to His Majesty aid for national defence and demobilization.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. MITCHELL moved the second reading of the bill.

Mr. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Mr. POULIOT: No; next sitting.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.