

sands of Pakistan or in Central Africa. They are all human beings.

When we speak of help to the Commonwealth countries, it may be meritorious, but, if you help anyone who suffers, you have the same merit and you are entitled to the same reward. It is not a question of countries; it is not a question of restricting aid to the Commonwealth. It is a question of helping mankind and showing that Canada makes no distinction between races or colours when giving help to any country in the world.

One must, however, keep in mind that the money given comes from the pockets of the taxpayers of Canada, and in my view the people of Canada should have the first opportunity and the first chance, although I have no objection to helping the other parts of the world which suffer. Therefore I would ask the Leader of the Senate if there are amounts which have been earmarked for some specific countries, and if so, how much for each one. He mentioned grain to the value of \$1.5 million for Pakistan. I would like to know where that money will go in terms of currency or in terms of food, and I would like to know who are the people who will benefit from it. I do not believe that the Leader of the Government can answer this question today.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Yes, I can.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: You can? Then, I shall stop at once.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): May I tell the honourable senator that the money goes first to the Canadian farmers and the Canadian millers who produce the flour. The flour and wheat then go to the distribution agencies in the countries which it is intended to assist. I should also tell him that the Government is at the moment giving serious consideration to the question of aid for some of the distressed parts of Italy. The grounds for this, of course, are somewhat different from those which prevail under this bill. I should tell him too that in the supplementary Estimates, in the food aid program, in addition to what we are doing today, the amount allocated to India for wheat was \$56 million, to Pakistan for wheat \$5.9 million, to Ceylon for flour \$2 million, to Ghana for flour \$2 million, and to Indonesia for flour \$350,000. For the total world food program, which includes many countries other than those I have mentioned here, there is a total of \$8.7 million, plus, in the same vote, a contingency fund of an additional \$50,000, making a total,

before we come to consideration of this bill, of some \$75 million for the food aid program Canada is giving to the world in this fiscal year.

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: Honourable senators, in view of the unanimity of feeling about this matter today, and also in view of the fact that we shall have Royal Assent this afternoon, I move, with leave, that the bill be read a third time now.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: May I say just a word on third reading?

We all agreed on the expenditures but in order to meet them, perhaps some curtailments could be made in the actual expenditures of the Government. It would not be a bad thing to use the scissors on the Estimates. The first cut I would make would be in the sums allocated to the B and B Commission, the Laurendeau-Dunton Commission, which has served no useful purpose and which is the most expensive of all the commissions. The money that would be saved by that curtailment would help to pay the aid to other countries who are in dire need of assistance. There are many other cases I could mention, but for the moment I shall mention just that one. I shall check the Estimates and have more suggestions next time I have the opportunity to do so.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

MEDICAL CARE BILL

SECOND READING—DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from yesterday the adjourned debate on the motion of Honourable Mr. Macnaughton for the second reading of Bill C-227, to authorize the payment of contributions by Canada towards the cost of insured medical care services incurred by provinces pursuant to provincial medical care insurance plans.

Hon. Joseph A. Sullivan: Honourable senators, I neglected yesterday to inform the Leader of the Government in the Senate, when I adjourned the debate, that a very momentous event had occurred in the Sullivan family. One of my nephews was ordained to the priesthood in the Order of the