

*Supply—Veterans Affairs*

Telecommunications division—

791. Radio aids to air and marine navigation—administration, operation and maintenance—further amount required, \$305,000.

**Mr. Herridge:** This is a very large supplementary item, \$305,000. Could the minister inform the house, generally, where these additional aids to air and marine navigation are installed?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** While this is a large sum, Mr. Chairman, it is small when compared with the total item involved. The amount in this item is to provide payment for services supplied by Computing Devices of Canada Limited in the operation and maintenance by the company of four Decca navigation systems of the company at Quebec, Halifax, Clarendville, Newfoundland, and Corner Brook, as radio aids to marine navigation from October 1, 1958 to the end of this month.

Item agreed to.

796. Reimbursement of the northwest communication system stores account for the value of stores losses incurred in the disposal of surplus equipment, \$5,900.

**Mr. Chevrier:** May I ask here under what authority are these stores being destroyed? Is there a statute in this case?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** This is done in pursuance of the Financial Administration Act. It is a matter of accounting within the consolidated revenue fund.

Item agreed to.

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Soldier Settlement and Veterans Land Act—

803. Purchase of land and permanent improvements; cost of permanent improvements to be effected; removal of encumbrances; stock and equipment; and for protection of security under the Veterans Land Act—further amount required, \$1,209,000.

**Mr. Herridge:** Can the minister inform the house just what that money is going to be applied to?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** It is simply to provide an additional amount for the purposes for which the main estimate was voted. It is to provide for an additional number of veterans who are taking advantage of the provisions of the act.

**Mr. Herridge:** I am glad to hear that.

Item agreed to.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

[Mr. Fleming (Eglinton).]

## WAYS AND MEANS

The house in committee of ways and means, Mr. Rea in the chair.

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance)** moved:

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service of the fiscal year ending March 31, 1959, the sum of \$284,942,864 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton)** thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill C-36, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1959.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall the said bill be read a second time?

**Some hon. Members:** Now.

**Mr. Speaker:** By leave, now.

**Mr. Benidickson:** May I ask the Minister of Finance this question? If we had second reading of the bill at this stage, could he assure the house that it would be dealt with in the other place today?

**Mr. Green:** May I explain that situation, Mr. Speaker? The other place is standing by. They will require an hour to consider the bill. In addition, the Chief Justice is standing by. If we could get this bill through within a few moments, I would suggest that the house adjourn until seven o'clock in order to give the other house an opportunity to consider the bill. Out of consideration for the members of the house I think it would be wise if we could follow this procedure.

**Mr. Chevrier:** We have been extremely cooperative so far.

**Mr. Green:** Oh, yes.

**Mr. Chevrier:** The hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate had a half-hour speech to make on this bill but in view of what the hon. member said, perhaps we could carry on with it.

**Mr. Green:** We are doubly grateful.

**Mr. Speaker:** Has the Minister of Finance unanimous consent to move the second reading of the bill?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton)** moved the second reading of the bill.