

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, November 18, 1960

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

### VACANCY

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the house that, consequent upon notification of a vacancy in the representation given in this house on Thursday, November 17, 1960, by the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate, pursuant to section 10 of the House of Commons Act I have addressed my warrant to the chief electoral officer for the issue of a new writ for the election of a member in the electoral district of Esquimalt-Saanich.

### POWER

COLUMBIA RIVER—TABLING OF REPORT OF  
CANADA-U.S. NEGOTIATORS

**Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to lay on the table for the information of hon. members two copies of the report made to the governments of the United States and Canada on September 28 by the negotiators appointed to work out an agreement for the joint development of the water resources of the Columbia river. I have arranged to have a number of extra copies sent to the distribution office for the convenience of hon. members who may wish to obtain them. A limited number of French translations of the report have also been prepared in my office and will be available from the distribution office, but I should inform the house that they should not be regarded as an official translation.

### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

UNEMPLOYMENT—SUGGESTED EARLY CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENT MEASURES

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he would consider arranging the business of the house in such a way that commencing next Tuesday the house can begin consideration of the plans for dealing with unemployment which the Prime Minister said on September 21 last were ready for presentation in detail.

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I made two motions yesterday afternoon which were indicative of

the desire of the government to get on with the business of the house. At the moment, however, I do not intend to answer directly the question that has been asked. After leaders' day is over, discussions may then take place between the representatives of the government and the opposition to the end that appropriate arrangements may be made to proceed at the earliest opportunity with those measures that are ready.

**Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier):** May I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the Prime Minister if he will undertake to table the supplementary estimates today so that an opportunity will be given to the members of the opposition to be in a position to deal with them adequately at the beginning of the week?

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** The Minister of Finance might deal with that question.

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance):** Following the action that was taken by the house yesterday afternoon, it is the intention to table the supplementary estimates at the next sitting of the house.

INQUIRY AS TO DISCUSSION OF SUPPLEMENTARY  
BUDGET

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Will the minister give the house the assurance that his supplementary budget will be presented early enough to permit debate before the Christmas recess?

**Mr. Speaker:** I do not know whether the hon. member is seeking to reopen the discussion as to the arrangements for the business of the house, but it seems to me that his question does relate to that subject.

**Mr. Garland:** With respect, this matter was raised yesterday in the speech from the throne, and I think we are entitled to ask this question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Would the hon. member repeat his question?

**Mr. Garland:** Will the minister give the house an assurance that his supplementary budget, as it was described in the speech from the throne, will be presented early enough to permit debate before the Christmas recess?