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and it seems to me that under those circumstances the hon. member's point is well taken in making the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I have given the hon. member full opportunity to express his views. I believe he will find that the opinion I have expressed is correct, and I do not propose to hear further representations on it.

**Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege affecting the routine measures before the house, the hon. member for Laurier is trying to create the impression here, and thereby is misinforming the house, that the estimates of the Department of Public Works might never be reached. They have already been before the house for two days this session—

**Mr. Pearson:** In the further supplementary estimates.

**Mr. Churchill:**—and might well be reached again if the opposition would get on quickly with the tasks in front of it.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Denis:** Very funny.

## THE BUDGET

## TABLING OF BUDGET PAPERS

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, may I table the budget white paper and say that it will be available to all hon. members this afternoon in the distribution office. I am tabling copies in English and French.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Another deficit.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Perhaps for the convenience of hon. members, and as well subscribers to the records of the house, it would be well to follow the usual practice, and in keeping with that practice I move that the white paper be printed as an appendix to today's *Votes and Proceedings* and also to tomorrow's *Hansard*.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Another deficit; almost \$800 million.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Have all hon. members heard the motion? Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

## SPORTS

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSISTANCE TO PROVINCIAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS

**Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I have

a number of announcements to make with respect to the fitness and amateur sport program.

First of all, I am today writing the provincial governments informing them of our intention to set aside \$2,500,000 of the \$5,000,000 authorized for the fiscal year 1962-63 to assist provincial programs designed to encourage, promote and develop fitness and amateur sport. This division of the fund underlines the important role which the dominion government feels the provinces can play in the new program. By channelling a considerable part of our annual expenditures through the provinces we hope to stimulate activity at the community level. At the same time, sufficient funds should be available for the dominion government to assist the work of national organizations and projects of national interest, including encouragement to national and international competitions, support for fitness research, production of technical informational material, and other aspects which can best be carried out at the federal level.

The house may be interested in knowing how the \$2,500,000 will be divided among the provinces. A flat rate of \$50,000 is proposed for each province signing an agreement, with the balance being provided on a per capita basis.

In addition to these grants, the dominion government is proposing as an interim measure to provide immediate assistance totalling \$250,000 to the provinces for planning and organizational purposes. As we are most anxious to assist the provinces in preparing for a comprehensive nation-wide co-operative effort, and since we feel that the necessary funds can be effectively utilized for this purpose while federal-provincial negotiation of agreements for larger sums is being completed, we have decided to press forward through the provision of these interim grants.

I might say that all these grants are closely in line with the views expressed by the national advisory council on fitness and amateur sport and by provincial ministers at the special meetings which were held in February on this subject. I believe they will go on a long way toward encouraging the kind of provincial and community participation which is so essential to a well rounded and effective national effort. The provinces have so far shown a keen and enthusiastic interest in the new fitness and amateur sport program, and I am optimistic about their reaction to the arrangements which I am now submitting for their agreement and approval.

The final announcement I would like to make has to do with further grants to various national organizations. The house will recall that some \$15,000 has already gone