

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, may I suggest that if we put the remainder of the motions in respect of which there is notice of opposition all at once, and carry them all together, and then put the remainder of the unopposed items as a block, and carry those, this might hasten the procedure somewhat.

Mr. Speaker: In view of the fact we have this one before the House I might ask whether it is the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the understanding of the Chair that Motions Nos. 1, 4, 5 and 9 be put to the House at this time?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN VOTE 1a, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE; VOTE 15a, L30d, DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION; VOTE 5a, TREASURY BOARD

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (for Mr. Drury) moved:

That Vote 1a, in the amount of \$200,000 of the Department of Finance for Financial and Economic Policies—Program Expenditures in supplementary estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1973, be concurred in.

That Vote 15a, in the amount of \$5,475,000 of the Department of Manpower and Immigration for Immigration—Program Expenditures in supplementary estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1973, be concurred in.

That Vote L30a, in the amount of \$454,000,000 of the Department of Manpower and Immigration for Unemployment Insurance Commission—Administration Program in supplementary estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1973, be concurred in.

That Vote 5a, in the amount of \$60,000,000 of the Treasury Board for Government Contingencies in supplementary estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1973, be concurred in.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (A)

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (for Mr. Drury) moves:

That supplementary estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1973, laid before the House January 8, 1973, except those Votes previously concurred in, be concurred in.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Supply

Mr. MacEachen (for Mr. Drury) thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-141, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1973.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

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

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I believe there is agreement that the bill be read a second time now. May I ask if it has been printed, and can it be distributed?

Mr. Speaker: My advice is that copies are available at this time, or will be available shortly. However, inquiries are being made to confirm this.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (for Mr. Drury) moved that Bill C-141, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1973, be read a second time and referred to the Committee of Supply.

• (1530)

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I rise not to oppose the motion but in order to make a few comments of a very non-partisan and non-controversial nature in respect of the bill, particularly with regard to two aspects relating to unemployment, the winter works and LIP programs which were designed to reduce unemployment. Certainly, as I say, I do not propose to oppose the measures that are put forward so far as the winter works program is concerned. I have consistently maintained that in a country such as Canada there is a need for special programs relating to employment in winter in an effort to mitigate to some extent the amount of unemployment that ordinarily develops within Canada as a result of winter. Of course, the winter works program was originally inaugurated under the government of my friend, the right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker). I must say, in connection with the supplementary estimates on this item that the announcement of December, I believe it was or late in November, by the government that it would embark on a program of winter works did surprise me somewhat in view of the very harsh condemnation of a winter works program for Canada by this government over a period of at least some two or three years.

Second, I must comment that this announcement came extraordinarily late in order to be as effective as it might have been for this winter following a rather constant position taken by the government that it would not involve itself in any program this winter. So I can only conclude that the announcement of the program was the result of some kind of conversion and was really not induced by conviction. Third, in passing I must comment that, since it covers some three years, the method of introducing this program through the supplementary estimates seems to be a rather strange proceeding. Above all, however, I wish to emphasize as firmly as I can in this Chamber that the winter works program and the supplementary funds voted for the LIP programs are, of course, no substitute for an adequate level of employment in