

THE SENATE

SECOND READING

Tuesday, October 23, 1962

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

ESTIMATES TABLED

Hon. A. J. Brooks tabled:

Revised estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1963.

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: May I ask the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Brooks) if copies of the estimates have been distributed to the members of the Senate?

Hon. Mr. Brooks: It is my understanding that they have been distributed. As a matter of fact they were in the senators' post office boxes on Friday morning.

PROPERTY QUALIFICATION OF SENATORS

RETURN PRESENTED

The Hon. the Speaker presented a return, submitted by the Clerk of the Senate in accordance with Rule 105, listing the names of members of the Senate who have renewed their declaration of property qualification.

Later:

MOTION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY RETURN

Hon. Mr. Brooks: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I move:

That, the Clerk of the Senate be authorized to receive the renewed declarations of property qualification from those members of the Senate who have not had the opportunity to make and file the same in accordance with Rule 105, and to make a supplementary return accordingly.

Motion agreed to.

APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 6, 1962

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-68, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1963.

Bill read first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

Hon. A. J. Brooks: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I move, seconded by the Honourable Senator Choquette, that this bill be read a second time now.

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators, I have no objection to the bill receiving second reading this evening, but I do not want this practice to be considered a precedent that can be followed on every occasion. I realize that this bill passed the other house last week, and for that reason I think we should deal with it tonight. I will not object to second reading now.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: I thank the honourable Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald, Brantford) for his courtesy.

Honourable senators, Bill C-68, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1963, was introduced in and passed the other place on Friday last and is now before us for our consideration and approval. I would like at this time to say a few words in explanation of the measure.

Firstly, the proportions requested in this bill are intended to provide for all the necessary requirements of the public service up to November 30, 1962.

In no instance is the total amount of an item, as shown in the revised estimates for 1962-63, being released by this bill.

This bill was prepared, in so far as was possible, in the form with which honourable senators have become familiar over the past several years. Some change has been required this year, however, as a consequence of the revision of the estimates.

The revised estimates were tabled in the other place last week and at that time were distributed to all honourable senators. I tabled the estimates in this house, as you know, just a few moments ago. Former appropriation acts released supply on the basis of the amounts shown in the estimates tabled on February 12, 1962.

Honourable senators will understand that those estimates, having been replaced by the revised estimates, cannot be used as the basis for further supply. Moreover, it would be undesirable to allow the spending authorities previously granted to remain at higher levels based on the original estimates. This bill, therefore, has been drafted in a manner which will relate previously authorized supply, as well as the additional supply requested for November, to the revised estimates which