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As the honourable leader has pointed out, supply and estimates are matters of very great importance to Parliament and to the public. Somebody has said that interim supply has not been unduly delayed, and with that I agree completely. As I said, this matter is of very great importance, and there has been no opportunity in the House of Commons to study the estimates during this session which has been running since February. Many questions were asked, and indeed many questions needed to be asked, when interim supply under this bill was being sought in the other place. I understand only one department has been passed.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Two departments.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: I stand corrected. There have been others considered for a short time.

From my own experience in the House of Commons I know that constituents of members in that place are very anxious to know just what amounts of money are being set aside for their particular constituency. Farmers want to know what subsidies are forthcoming; fishermen and labourers are also interested in this matter and that is one of the reasons why so much information has been sought.

The honourable Leader of the Government has also pointed out that we in the Senate are rather fortunate in having reactivated our Finance Committee. I agree with that. However, I am not one of those who believe that our Finance Committee can take the estimates for different departments and study them. There must be more study of a general nature than is done by committees and individuals in the other place. I hope that before too long the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate will be able to make at least a progress report and to point out to us just what is being done. I know that all members are entitled to attend the committee meetings, but all members do not have the time to do so. Furthermore, there are many other committees which honourable senators wish to attend. I understand at the present time the Finance Committee is studying the Glassco Report. I also understand they have held four meetings. This hardly seems sufficient for the very important work they have to do and which I know they are anxious to do.

The bill before us, as has been said by the honourable leader, is in the usual form, and is to grant supply for the months of August, September and October. There is not much that can be said on the bill itself. It is very

much the same as former bills. It authorizes the expenditure of approximately \$1,037,000,000. This sum represents about three-twelfths of the main estimates for the current fiscal year.

The whole question of Government spending is, as we have often heard in this chamber, one of great concern. One has only to glance at the estimates to appreciate this fact. We are living, as has been pointed out on numerous occasions in recent years, beyond our means, and yet we continue to give consideration to and to take on projects the cost of which, as we all know, is exorbitant.

The Minister of Finance in his last budget address to the House of Commons indicated that it will be necessary to work out a list of priorities. This seemed to be an excellent idea so far as the public and the press was concerned. He also stated on that occasion that we could not expect to do everything at once. This also was very sound reasoning. The unfortunate part is, however, that it is not being followed even by the minister himself. Just a short time ago we passed a bill extending family allowances to boys and girls remaining at school up to the age of 18 years. This was passed practically unanimously by the other place. However, it is a measure which will add millions to an already overburdened treasury.

Also, just a short time ago we received the report of the Royal Commission on Health Services. This massive and important document will have to be studied very carefully, and I am sure it will be so studied by the members of the different provincial governments and the members of this Parliament.

The implementation of the main recommendations of the commission will substantially increase the already heavy Government expenditures on health care. According to the report, it is anticipated that by 1971, assuming the recommendations are implemented, we will be spending over \$4 billion on health services and medical care alone. At the present time we are spending just a little over \$7 billion on all services.

The Minister of National Health and Welfare announced a short time ago at the close of the dominion-provincial health ministers' conference that the Government will have a medical care insurance program ready by 1965. Next year we will await progress in this direction with great interest and trepidation.

There is also the Canada Pension Plan to provide retirement for Canadians with survivors' benefits for widows and orphans, the cost of which almost defies the imagination.

The question that arises in everybody's mind, of course, is where we are going to find the money for all this. The Minister of