

any purpose that has not been first recommended to the House by a message from the Governor General in the session in which such vote, resolution, address or bill is proposed."

In the same regard, section (3) of citation 246 of Beauchesne's fourth edition reads as follows: "The guiding principle in determining the effect of an amendment upon the financial initiative of the Crown is that the communication, to which the Royal Demand of Recommendation is attached, must be treated as laying down once for all (unless withdrawn and replaced) not only the amount of a charge, but also its objects, purposes, conditions and qualifications. In relation to the standard thereby fixed, an amendment infringes the financial initiative of the Crown, not only if it increases the amount, but also if it extends the objects and purposes, or relaxes the conditions and qualifications expressed in the communication by which the Crown has demanded or recommended a charge. And this standard is binding not only on private Members but also on ministers whose only advantage is that, as advisors of the Crown, they can present new or supplementary estimates or secure the Royal Recommendation to new or supplementary resolutions."

Along the same vein, may I refer to section (3) of citation 244 of Beauchesne's, as follows: "Amendments proposing, in a money resolution, to substitute a loan for a subsidy; to change the destination, purpose and conditions of a subsidy; attaching a condition to a subsidy; affecting the ends and provisions of a subsidy, must be moved by a Minister with the Recommendation of the Crown."

There are a number of other citations that can be brought to bear on the same question, but I do not think it will be necessary for me to do so at this stage. It is not competent, I suggest, for the House or any committee of this House to substitute a financial provision in an estimate for one which has been recommended by His Excellency.

For the foregoing reasons, I must decide that the report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates presented to the House Thursday, March 19th last, is a nullity and that no subsequent proceeding may or need be taken in relation thereto.

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On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale), Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1970, presented to the House on Thursday, March 5, 1970, were concurred in.

Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale), moved,—That Bill C-200, An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1970, be now read a first time and be printed.

And the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, the said bill was read the first time and ordered to be printed.