

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, December 5, 1966

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

• (2:40 p.m.)

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1966-67

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting supplementary estimates (D) for the financial year ending March 31, 1967 was presented by Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue and President of the Treasury Board), read by Mr. Speaker to the house, and referred to the committee of supply.

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue and President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I point out that these estimates include only one item, aid for India.

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE

Third report of standing committee on health and welfare—Mr. Harley.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT—MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I move:

That the Report of the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament, tabled by Mr. Speaker on Tuesday, November 22, 1966, relating to salary revisions affecting a number of positions in the Parliamentary Library, be concurred in.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a question which the Minister of Public Works might be able to answer. I indicated my concern about this to an official a few days ago. The last listed position in the salaries under review is that of a cleaning service woman. An increase is provided, but there are two sets of figures, one for the time when parliament is in session and the other for the time when parliament is not in session. If a woman is required in the library to do cleaning work, why should she be paid less when parliament is not in session than when parliament is in session? I would remind the minister that there is hardly any time now when parliament is not in session. Is the minister in a position to answer my question?

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think the hon. member can ask a question such as this of the Minister of Public Works, who has sought concurrence in a report. The hon. member can oppose concurrence in the report. Any questions relating to salaries or classifications should really be directed to Mr. Speaker. Since they cannot be answered orally, perhaps the hon. member would care to address his inquiries, in writing, to the Chair.

Mr. Knowles: It seems odd that we should be asked to pass a motion endorsing a report when there is no way for us to get information in respect of that report on the floor of the house. If that is the situation, all I can say is "On division".

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member knows he can always obtain information, whether satisfactory or not, by communicating in the usual way with the Chair. There may be a disposition on the part of hon. members not to proceed with the motion until the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre has had an opportunity—

Mr. Knowles: I suggest that the motion be allowed to stand until I have been able to get this information.

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion stands.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

INUUVIK, N.W.T.—UTILIDOR SYSTEM

Question No. 1,950—**Mr. Orange:**

1. What was the cost per foot of the original utilidor system in Inuvik?
2. What was the cost per foot of the extensions since the construction?
3. Has the Department of National Health and Welfare undertaken any studies to examine ways and means of extending water and sewer services to the residents in the unserved areas in Inuvik and, if so, have these studies been made public?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1 and 2. I am informed by the Northern Canada Power Commission as follows: The main