

**Hon. Mr. Hayden:** I do not think I follow the trend of thinking of my honourable friend. All I was saying was that the suggestion is made by Senator White and another senator that there was very little point in setting up this type of operation and making it possible for the public to come in because there are so many other areas of investment available to them that they will not invest in this. I cannot venture to say what it is that actuates or stirs a person to invest money in any particular enterprise, and here I am trying to be as objective as possible.

I can cite a number of instances where investments have been made—and looking back, since hindsight in the case of investment is even better than foresight—which were influenced by the thought of quick profit or the glamour of a particular stock at the time. These are all factors that I would not dismiss simply because some senators and some members of the public take the view that this is the kind of investment that would not be attractive to the public. All I am saying, and I am trying to be as objective as possible, is that I just do not know.

There is this feature of giving an opportunity to the public to invest, but whether it has the glamour to attract that investment, I do not know. All I can say from my limited understanding of what actuates the public to invest in a particular corporation is that I just do not know what they might do. Investments frequently go in directions that one cannot foresee, and, of course, sometimes they work all right.

This bill is a step forward in bringing the public and the Government together in a corporation called the Canada Development Corporation, in the national interest and for profitability. It is an opportunity to develop and increase our economic growth. Heretofore this has been done on a regional basis by the Government going into an area, and Senator Macdonald seemed to be very satisfied—perhaps “satisfied” is the wrong word; perhaps I should say “interested”—when I mentioned the Cape Breton Development Corporation. The Government established a corporation for regional development in that Maritime area. The Government advanced capital, or guaranteed such advances by others. In doing it in this fashion the Government had its whole hand in the development, and no public investment interest was brought into the company.

I know at least one enterprise in the Maritimes where this is working out very well. I am sure that my friend could name it equally well, but if he has any doubts about it I will tell him privately what it is.

This is a step forward. The public and their money will come in. There is no compulsion, but there is a pull from a capitalization of \$2 billion. It may well be, if the public is not drawn in, that the Government will see fit in the national interest to put in more of its own money.

These are all speculations for the future. Since they are aimed intentionally and deliberately in the direction of greater economic growth in Canada, may I say forcibly and with all the strength of my voice—

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** And your whole heart.

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**Hon. Mr. Hayden:** —and my heart.

**Hon. Mr. Walker:** God save the Queen!

**Hon. Mr. Hayden:** I feel that I am at my best at this moment when I say that this is a worthwhile enterprise.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** It is moved by honourable Senator Hayden, seconded by honourable Senator Fournier (De Lanaudière), that this bill be read the second time.

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** I rise on a point of order. According to my information, Senator White wished to vote against the bill. I would simply ask that this motion for second reading be agreed to on division.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time, on division.

#### REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Hayden, bill referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce.

#### APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 3, 1971

##### SECOND READING

The Senate resumed from yesterday the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Langlois for the second reading of Bill C-249, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending 31st March, 1972.

**Hon. Allister Grosart:** Honourable senators, once again we have to thank the honourable Senator Langlois for giving us a clear statement of the substance of an appropriation bill, in this case Appropriation Bill No. 3, and for relating it in very general terms to the official Estimates of the budgetary and other expenditures for the current year.

I appreciate the fact that Senator Langlois followed the traditional method of presenting this information, and I am in no way critical of him on that score. However, I will suggest to him, and particularly to those in the Department of Finance and the Treasury Board who have responsibility for these matters, that they devise some technique by which they will give us a much clearer indication of the relation between the amounts that we are asked to vote in these appropriation bills and the total figure of government expenditures.

I say that because the bill before us, in round figures, asks for approval for the spending of some \$6 billion for the remaining three-quarters of the year. We have already voted \$2 billion in Appropriation Bill No. 2. That is a total of \$8 billion which we are asked to vote in supply.

Senator Langlois did contrast this with the total budgetary estimates of expenditures, of some \$14.3 billion, with an additional \$1 billion in loans, investments and advances. That makes a total of what is known officially