

based on the said Estimates reaching the Senate, be printed as an appendix to the *Debates of the Senate* of today and form part of the permanent record of this house.

I would add that if this motion carries, I shall ask also for leave to revert to Reports of Committees and then move the adoption of the report itself.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** With leave of the Senate, it is moved by the honourable Senator Leonard, seconded by Senator Paterson, that the report presented today by the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance, which reads—

**Hon. Senators:** Dispense.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

(For text of report, see Appendix pp. 1706-23.)

Leave having been given to revert to Reports of Committees:

**Hon. Mr. Leonard:** Honourable senators, I move the adoption of the report from the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance presented by the committee today.

Honourable senators, I thank you for the leave which you have given and for the indulgence that you have shown. I asked for leave for consideration of this report today and for consideration later today, because I had hoped that I could get into your hands a copy of the report for each senator. These copies have now been received and this is the result of a good deal of hard work by the Committees Branch and the secretarial staff of the Senate. The copies are now before you. In the normal course of events, one would have moved for consideration of this report at the next sitting, but in the light of special circumstances it seemed desirable that I, at least, might open the debate today and any honourable senator who wants to speak could do so and the debate could be adjourned until tomorrow. I had in mind that the reference by the Senate to the committee on the Estimates stated that we were to report in advance of appropriation bills reaching the Senate. There is every expectation that within 24 hours an appropriation bill will reach the Senate which will deal with all remaining expenditures represented by the Estimates for the 12 months of the year. Therefore, it seems desirable not to wait for the usual procedure

of having the report printed and the debate start tomorrow. At least I could outline to you what is in the report. Anyone who wishes to speak today could do so and the debate could be adjourned.

Honourable senators, the National Finance Committee, in its deliberations, has refrained in the past from considering department by department the Estimates of the Government for its fiscal year. The House of Commons does that work and examines the Estimates department by department, and it would be an unnecessary duplication if we were to do so. However, we do consider the Estimates in general and from time to time the Estimates of individual branches of the Government. This year we did such a study of the item in the Estimates dealing with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. We thought it warranted special consideration this year.

Dr. George Davidson, who had been Secretary of the Treasury Board, and who is now the new President of the C.B.C., was present. The item for C.B.C. jumped from \$151 million for the previous fiscal year to \$166 million to be voted for that corporation for the year 1969-1970. This was an increase of \$14,900,000 over the previous year. In addition, there was a loan for capital expenditures of \$30 million. While Dr. Davidson gave freely and frankly the reasons for the increased expenditure, I think I can best illustrate the feeling of the committee on this large and important item in the Estimates by reading an excerpt from the report of the committee beginning at the bottom of page 2 and continuing to page 3:

The Senate Committee on National Finance views with great concern the rate of growth of operating and capital cost requirements of this Crown Corporation, and the projected escalation in their capital loan requirements for consolidation of facilities in Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Halifax. The Committee's view expressed in a later section of this report, pertaining to the great need to establish priorities in government spending policy, and criteria to assure maximum economic and social benefits in government programmes, particularly apply to the operations of the C.B.C.

So much for the one special study that the committee made on a branch of Government.

The committee broke new ground by embarking on a study of the economic impact on Canada of the Government expenditures