

Act which deals with loans for the financing of municipal sewage treatment projects.

The act stipulates that loans can be granted to facilitate the construction or expansion of sewage treatment facilities. Under Clause 1 of the bill introduced by the honourable Member loans could be granted in order to facilitate the construction or expansion of water mains and storm sewers. However, in the existing legislation, there are provisions for forgiveness of 25 per cent of the loan and interest, under certain conditions. Clause 2 of the bill would increase the percentage of this forgiveness to 50 per cent and to 75 per cent in certain cases.

As the legislation now in effect sets a limit to disbursements out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund with regard to these loans, the bill under consideration would abolish this limit.

Finally, Clause 3 of the bill introduced by the honourable Member provides that the required expenditures will be provided through appropriation acts.

The Chair is of the opinion that such works would entail a disbursement of public moneys. Therefore, this bill is actually what might be called a money bill.

Clause 1 of the bill would extend availability of loans for a further purpose. Clause 2 would provide for an easing of terms and restrictions governing loans. As for Clause 3, it provides appropriation of funds by Parliament for the purposes of the bill and eventual elimination of limits on disbursements out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, allowing for loans of unlimited amounts.

The honourable Member is raising a specific point when suggesting that a private Member's bill can provide easing by the government of conditions governing loans.

I submit that the subject matter of the honourable Member's bill includes points because of which it could only be brought forward by a minister of the Crown, and accompanied by a recommendation from His Excellency.

I shall not refer to the arguments brought forward by the honourable Member for Laprairie (Mr. Watson) referring to citation 249 from Beauchesne's and I shall confine myself to the Standing Orders.

Standing Order 62(1) provides that:

"This House shall not adopt or pass any vote, resolution, address or bill for the appropriation of any part of the public revenue, or of any tax or impost, to 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."

As for the particular point on forgiveness of loans, I shall refer to citation 246(1) of Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, 4th edition, which reads as follows:

"The recommendation of the Crown is needed for such measures as Bills relating...to the repayment or compounding of sums due to the Crown—"

I shall also quote citation 256(1):

"A resolution, imposing on the Dominion Government the obligation to carry out a compact not fulfilled by the Government of the late Province of Canada whereunder settlers were to receive moneys derived from Crown lands, was ruled out because it did not originate in committee and was not recommended by the Governor-General."

Under those circumstances it is difficult for the Chair to make the decision to allow the bill to proceed. Therefore it is the ruling of the Chair that the bill cannot proceed.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Andras, seconded by Mr. MacEachen,—That Bill C-124, An Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971 (No. 1), be now read a third time and do pass.

After further debate, the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to on the following division:

*(Division No. 9)*

YEAS

Messrs.

Allard	Dupras	Lachance
Allmand	Duquet	Lafamme
Andras	Ethier	Lajoie
Barnett	Faulkner	Lalonde
Basford	Firth	Lambert
Beaudoin	Fleming	(Bellechasse)
Béchar	Fortin	Lang
Bégin (Miss)	Foster	Langlois
Benjamin	Fox	Laniel
Blackburn	Gauthier	Laprise
Blais	(Roberval)	Latulippe
Blaker	Gauthier	Leblanc
Blouin	(Ottawa East)	(Laurier)
Boisvert	Gendron	LeBlanc
Boulanger	Gilbert	(Westmorland-
Brewin	Gillespie	Kent)
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Campbell	Grier	L'Heureux
Caouette	Guay	Loiselle
(Charlevoix)	(St. Boniface)	Lundrigan
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Carter	Guilbault	(Cardigan)
Clermont	Haidasz	Macdonald
Comtois	Harding	(Rosedale)
Corbin	Harney	MacEachen
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