

● (1552)

Mr. Speaker: Order. Once again the hon. member seems to be attempting to make a comment during the course of the investigation. In any case, as I indicated to the House earlier, I have had the matter referred to me by the House. I took steps immediately following the disclosure by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay). After the completion of the parliamentary investigation under my authority, that is to say, by the security forces here in the House, I communicated those results to the hon. member for Central Nova. It seems to me he would not reasonably have been in a position to reply to that any earlier than yesterday. In fact, he replied to me this morning.

In any case it should be clear we are getting into very dangerous ground if we attempt to make comment during the course of the investigation. I prefer to conclude that investigation before entertaining any further comment.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (A) FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1978

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting Supplementary Estimates (A) with regard to the sums required for the public service of Canada for the financial year ending March 31, 1978 was presented by Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board) and read by Mr. Speaker to the House.

[English]

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (A), 1977-78—REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Minister of State (Multiculturalism)): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion, pursuant to Standing Orders 58(15) and 59(1), referring the Supplementary Estimates A, tabled this day, to the Standing Committees of the House.

This is a rather lengthy document which would take a few minutes to read. It has been distributed to the House leaders on the other side. I believe there is consent, in order to distribute consideration of these estimates to the appropriate committees of the House of Commons, that it be taken as read, and adopted.

[Editor's Note: The motion referred to above is as follows:]

Mr. Cafik, seconded by Mr. Andras, moved:

That the Supplementary Estimates (A), 1977-1978, tabled this day, be referred to the several Standing Committees of the House as follows:

To the Standing Committee on Agriculture:

Agriculture Vote 20a

Supplementary Estimates

To the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts:
Communications Votes 1a, L6a, L7a and 10a

Secretary of State Votes 1a, 10a, 15a, 20a, L21a, 25a, 35a, 40a, 45a, 70a, 75a, 90a and 100a

To the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence:

External Affairs Votes 10a, L15a, L17a, 20a, 25a, and 30a

National Defence Vote 1a

To the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs:

Finance Votes 1a, L11a, 20a and 21a

Industry, Trade and Commerce Votes 1a, 5a, 6a, 10a, 15a, 40a and 46a

To the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry:

Environment Votes 5a, 10a, 15a, L17a, 20a, 25a and 30a

To the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs:

National Health and Welfare Votes 10a, 15a, 30a, 50a and 65a

Urban Affairs Votes 1a, 5a and 11a

To the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Indian Affairs and Northern Development Votes 5a, 10a, L20a, L21a, 25a, 35a, L50a, 60a and 65a

To the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs:

Solicitor General Votes 1a, 5a, 15a and 20a

To the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration:

Labour Vote 1a

Manpower and Immigration Votes 5a and 10a

To the Standing Committee on Management and Members Services:

Parliament Vote 5a

To the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates:

Finance Vote 30a

Privy Council Votes 1a and 15a

Science and Technology Vote 10a

Secretary of State Vote 105a

Supply and Services Votes 5a and L10a

Treasury Board Votes 17a, 20a and 30a

To the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works:

Energy, Mines and Resources Votes 5a, 6a, 15a, L25a, 40a, L51a, L52a, and 75a

Public Works Votes 20a, 25a and 40a

To the Standing Committee on Regional Development:

Regional Economic Expansion Votes 1a, 5a, 25a and 31a.

To the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications:

Post Office Vote 1a

Transport Votes 46a, 50a, L56a, 66a, 85a, 95a, 97a and L106a

To the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs:

Veterans Affairs Vote 20a

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I have had occasion to review the references mentioned by my friend. They are in order, and we are prepared to do that.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Agreed.

Mr. Laprise: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is agreed that the order of reference of Supplementary Estimates (A), tabled moments ago by the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Andras), be now referred to the standing committees in accordance with past practice, and particularly in accordance with the list that has been distributed by the Deputy Government House Leader to