

hon. member himself said, when making his argument under items 7 and 9.

The Chair has taken somewhat longer than usual to make a ruling, for the simple reason that the relevant files are in another part of the building and I thought it proper we should ascertain whether there was a record in those files of a specific case which would support the argument advanced by the hon. member for Yukon. I should like to read to the House Standing Order 62(1):

● (2220)

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.

Hon. members note that the words "in the session" apply to the session in which the vote is requested of the House of Commons. There is nothing in this particular provision of the Standing Order that says the spending shall be carried out within that particular fiscal year or session.

I suggest to hon. members they reflect on the fact that when they pass estimates in the House of Commons, for example for such public works as a wharf, there is never the requirement that the wharf be completed, say by March 31, or that the money voted for the wharf may not find its way into the contractor's hands some time after March 31 at the conclusion of the fiscal year. The only requirement is that it may not be proposed in any session unless it is preceded by the recommendation of His Excellency or the governor in council.

There are other examples. I could refer to loans, investments and advances which may be dealt with in one particular fiscal year and carry on into other years. What the hon. gentleman is suggesting is that the Chair make a ruling which would have the effect of setting aside a long and well established practice of this House, and this the Chair cannot and will not do.

Is the House ready for the question?

**Mr. Nielsen:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order to facilitate the business of the House. The members of this party are agreeable to passing all items on the order paper from 1 to 9 inclusive, save and except item No. 6, on a voice vote. If this is agreeable, when Your Honour calls No. 6 I shall have a point of order to raise on that item.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, that proposal is quite acceptable and is an example of the great spirit of co-operation that exists in this House.

#### MOTIONS FOR CONCURRENCE IN DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATES

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Chair will now call item 1, vote 70 of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; item 2, which is vote 5 of the Department of Labour for Information Canada; item 3, vote 15 of the Department of Public Works for accommodation; item 4, vote 1 of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion for regional economic expansion operating expenditures;

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item 5, vote 50 of the Department of the Secretary of State for Canadian Broadcasting Corporation operating expenditures; item 7, vote L30 of the Department of Transport for air transport program advances; and item 8, vote 5 of the Treasury Board for government contingencies for the fiscal year.

**Mr. MacEachen:** And item No. 9.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I cannot call item No. 9 because obviously it and item 6 have a certain relationship. The items I have called are moved by the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Drury), seconded by the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen). Is it the pleasure of the House to concur in the said motions?

**Some hon. Members:** On division.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** On division.

Motions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 (Mr. Drury) agreed to.

#### MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN VOTE 1, DEPARTMENT OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board)** moved:

That vote 1 in the amount of \$2,978,000 of the Department of the Solicitor General for administration—program expenditures, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1974 (less the amount voted in interim supply), be restored in the main estimates.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The hon. member for Yukon is rising on a point of order.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that Your Honour call the item and call for the yeas and nays.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The House has heard the suggestion of the hon. member for Yukon. The motion has been put, so perhaps I can dispense with reading it again. All those in favour will please say yea.

**Some hon. Members:** Yea.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** In my opinion the nays have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

The House divided on the motion No. 6 (Mr. Drury) Which was agreed to on the following division:

● (2230)

#### (Division No. 34)

YEAS

Messrs:

Allmand  
Andras  
Barnett

Basford  
Béchar  
Bégin (Miss)

Benjamin  
Blackburn  
Blais