

REPORT TO THE HOUSE

The Standing Committee on Regional Development has the honour to present its

THIRD REPORT

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 17, 1971, your Committee has considered the following items listed in the Estimates 1971-72:

Votes 1, 5, 10, L15, L20, L25 and L30 relating to the Department of Regional Economic Expansion; and

Vote 35 relating to the Cape Breton Development Corporation.

Your Committee commends them to the House.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (*Issues Nos. 6 to 15 inclusive*) is tabled.

Respectfully submitted,

Le président
JOHN MORISON
Chairman

RAPPORT À LA CHAMBRE

Le Comité permanent de l'expansion économique régionale a l'honneur de présenter son

TROISIÈME RAPPORT

Conformément à son Ordre de renvoi du mercredi 17 février 1971, le Comité a étudié les crédits:

1, 5, 10, L15, L20, L25, et L30 ayant trait au ministère de l'Expansion économique régionale et

Le crédit 35 ayant trait à la Société de développement du Cap-Breton.

Le Comité les recommande à l'approbation de la Chambre.

Un exemplaire des procès-verbaux et témoignages s'y rapportant (*fascicules n°s 6 à 15 inclusivement*) est déposé.

Respectueusement soumis,

Burton asked for the breakdown of the \$10.7 million of the contributions devoted to small town and rural economic development in the year ending March 31, 1971. This figure is the DREB program amounting to \$10.7 million that are \$1.2 million more than the ADRA program amounting to \$9.5 million. Burton said that the DREB program is increasing rapidly and is estimated to be approximately \$15 million by the end of the year. Burton also asked for the breakdown of the employment program amounting to \$10.1 million. Burton said that this year the \$0.12 a hour rate is being substituted for the \$0.10 rate observed during previous years and that the \$10.1 million total will be distributed among the various programs. Burton also asked for the breakdown of the \$1.2 million of the \$10.7 million of the small town and rural economic development contributions to a small town administered by the DREB program which is other than the \$1.2 million of the \$10.7 million of the Atlantic Development program. The breakdown of the breakdown of the \$10.7 million is \$1.4 million ADRA, \$1.2 million DREB and \$86.2 million special area agreement. These are the figures which Mr. Burton asked for and are a very important part of the estimates.

The Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Kent. I am looking to you, Mr. McGrath, for some advice. Would you like to question Mr. Kent along the lines of your concern on Wednesday—we can introduce it that way—or do you have another thought on it?

Mr. McGrath: That is agreeable to me, Sir, Chairman. I would like to ask Mr. Kent if our fears are well founded in that it would appear that the present DREB program and the philosophy behind that program has virtually handicapped itself within a small area to the exclusion of the advice of others, including the Canadian Council on Rural Development. I am now referring to evidence that came out during our last meeting where it was certainly intimated to the Committee, at least the way I heard it, that the Council felt that its advice had not been sought and that it had some difficulty in trying to rechristen itself in terms of

the president: Merci monsieur Kent. Je vous laisse faire avis, monsieur McGrath. Je vous pose une question à M. Kent au sujet de ce que nous avons entendu mercredi où, il fait peut-être référence à cela?

M. Kent: Je vais essayer de répondre à votre question. J'accepte de faire ce que je puis pour aider à éclaircir ce qui a été dit. Je crois que le rôle du ministère de l'Expansion économique régionale et la façon de penser que nous devons faire pour faire face aux défis à venir. Nous devons faire face à de nombreux défis dans les prochaines années. Il y a un certain nombre de défis qui sont liés à la nature de l'économie régionale. Il y a aussi des défis liés à la nature de l'environnement dans lequel nous vivons. Il y a également des défis liés à la façon dont nous devons gérer nos ressources naturelles et comment nous devons nous adapter à ces défis. Je pense que c'est une question importante et je ferai tout ce que je peux pour essayer de répondre à votre question.