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approved in the interim supply motion which was passed previously. This bill brings us up to the end of the fiscal year. The amounts indicated there are sufficient to include all the estimates for the fiscal year.

Mr. Knowles: In any case the passing of this bill is the last act we need to perform as far as this year is concerned.

Mr. Benson: Except for Royal Assent.

Perhaps I should correct that statement. There will be final supplementary estimates for 1965-66. These will be introduced in the very near future.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Chairman, before we end this stage of our proceedings there is one comment I should like to make. A good deal has been said about the interest of civil servants in our getting this bill through, so that there might be no delay in their getting their cheques. I agree, but I should like to say to the government that its concern for civil servants could be expressed in another way, and that is by doing something for those who have already retired.

I was sorry to hear the negative answer given today by the Prime Minister when this question was raised once again by the Leader of the Opposition. I hope that during the coming fiscal year something will be done to improve the position of our civil servants who have already retired.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): So say we all on this side.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Chairman, about what the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) said concerning civil servants, we of the Cr ditistes do not always believe the government house leader when he maintains that civil servants will not get paid until the house votes the estimates.

The government and the departments keep on receiving money from the Canadian taxpayers. So stop telling us that tomorrow civil servants will not be able to get their pay. The government is perfectly able to borrow any amount of money anywhere in Canada or to call upon the Bank of Canada. Let them pay their employees and stop threatening us by saying that civil servants will not be paid. That is not true.

[English]

Mr. Benson: I should indicate that the government has not threatened anyone with respect to the payment of civil servants. But

[Mr. Benson.]

it is a fact that the government cannot expend money, no matter how much it borrows, until it has the authority of this parliament to do so.

Mr. Caouette: Can the minister collect money in the meantime?

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 5 inclusive, agreed to.

Schedules A, B, and C agreed to.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall this bill be read the third time? By unanimous consent, now?

Some hon. Members: Now.

Mr. McIlraith moved the third reading of the bill. Motion agreed to, bill read the third time and passed.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. McIlraith: Before indicating the business for tomorrow I would ask the concurrence of the house in an agreement to suspend the sitting at six o'clock until eight o'clock, for the purpose of having Royal Assent to this bill, rather than adjourn it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the house agree to suspend today's sitting until eight o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it to be eight o'clock precisely, or until the call of the bell?

Mr. McIlraith: Eight o'clock—with the assurance that the bell will be rung when the suspended sitting is reconvened.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Perhaps, then, we can suspend the house until the call of the bell at eight o'clock.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is so ordered.

Mr. McIlraith: I should like to indicate the business we propose to call Thursday and Friday—or beginning tomorrow until we finish the business I shall indicate.

I should like to call, first, item 11 on the order paper, the second reading of the bill to extend the Bank Act. Then, items nos. 16, 18 and 21 which are the three motions to set up joint committees. Then item 7 on the order