the St. James-Winnipeg airport commission a further proposal for the enlarging of Stevenson field to meet both war-time and post-war needs? In view of the importance of this airport to the whole of Canada, will the minister indicate—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. KNOWLES: —whether consideration is being given—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. KNOWLES: —to the granting of approval to the commission's plans?

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member must place that question on the order paper.

SUPPLY

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee of supply.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee of supply, Mr. Bradette in the chair.

Mr. ILSLEY moved:

Resolved, that a sum not exceeding $46,331,283.90, being one-sixth of the amount of each of the several items to be voted, as set forth in the estimates for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1945, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of parliament, be granted to His Majesty, on account, for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1945.

He said: With the consent of the leaders of the different groups we are to vote interim supply, one-sixth.

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Leader of the Opposition): Before the resolution carries may I ask the minister for the customary undertaking which the minister and the government always give when interim supply is asked for and granted, namely, that it is given without prejudice to the rights of the hon. members of this house to discuss and deal with any item covered or partly covered by this vote, as the item comes up in the general estimates; in other words, that we shall be as free after this vote passes as we were prior to its passing to discuss the general estimates.

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes, I give that undertaking.

Resolution reported, read the second time, and concurred in.

WAYS AND MEANS

INTERIM SUPPLY

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee of ways and means.

[Mr. Knowles.]

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Bradette in the chair.

Mr. ILSLEY moved:

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1945, the sum of $46,331,283.90 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Ilsley thereupon moved for leave to introduce bill No. 111, for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1945.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. ILSLEY moved the second reading of the bill.

Mr. GRAYDON: In view of the fact that copies of the bill have just been delivered to us, will the minister give an undertaking that the bill now in our hands is in the same form as the previous interim supply bill? I do not desire to hold up the bill, but for our protection I should like to have that undertaking.

Mr. ILSLEY: Strangely enough I hesitate to give that undertaking without seeing what was done at the time it was passed, for I was away then. This cannot be in anything but the same form, as far as I can see. Certainly I believe it to be in the same form. It is very simple; I think I would be safe in giving that undertaking, but I should like to compare it with the other bill before doing so absolutely.

Mr. COLDWELL: The amount is $46,331,283.90?

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Bradette in the chair.

Bill reported.

Mr. ILSLEY moved the third reading of the bill.

Mr. GRAYDON: Once more I rise to the point I mentioned a moment ago; that is, in connection with the form of this bill. Has the minister the number of the previous bill, so that a comparison may be made before third reading is given? I would not care to consent to the third reading of this bill until we have had an opportunity of at least seeing that the form is in order.

Mr. ILSLEY: The Clerk of the House informs me that it is in exactly the same