

Supply—Trade and Commerce

The Deputy Chairman: Order. When the chairman rises it is one of the rules that hon. members must resume their seats. I see now that the hon. member has done so, and I thank him for it. I believe I heard him say that he is in complete accord with item 614. Shall the item carry?

Some hon. Members: No.

The Deputy Chairman: Then I would ask the hon. member to relate his remarks to the item under discussion, and not speak about national defence.

Mr. Gillis: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not wish to be bothersome, or to delay the Minister of National Defence in having this item passed. I will repeat what I said earlier, that I agree with the principle behind this item. However, if we wish to discuss it in detail, in all its ramifications, it will take a long time. I have no intention of doing that either—and I am not going to talk this out, until eleven o'clock.

Mr. Abbott: Perhaps the hon. member would allow an interruption. As I indicated earlier, there is some importance in passing a supply bill, including two of these items, today, if possible. It is impossible for me to be here until Friday. Tomorrow is private members' day. If I could have unanimous consent to a motion to sit a few minutes after eleven o'clock, I would hope that we might be able to conclude by that time. However, I appreciate the fact that to do so I would require unanimous consent. I would appreciate it personally if such consent could be given, because hon. members will understand that I have heavy commitments between now and next Tuesday when the budget is to be brought in. It would be a great accommodation if this procedure could be followed.

Mr. Gillis: I can complete my remarks.

Mr. Abbott: Then if I might put the motion now to sit after eleven o'clock—

Mr. Gillis: All I want to do is to ask a question.

Mr. Abbott: I would need a motion, anyway.

Mr. Gillis: If you want to; I will do anything to accommodate you.

Mr. Abbott: I would make the motion to sit after eleven o'clock, if I could have unanimous consent—in the hope that it would take only a few minutes.

The Deputy Chairman: Is there unanimous consent?

[Mr. Gillis.]

Mr. Knowles: Only for a limited time. So often we grant a few minutes, and we are here for an hour.

Mr. Abbott: I should hope we might do it by 11.15. We have a few more items to pass, all of the usual year-end variety, to pay bills. Then we have to put through two bills founded on the interim supply. I should hope to conclude that.

Mr. Drew: I am quite prepared to sit as long as required, and I wish to have that understood. But I also wish it definitely understood that these are not just a few items to be dealt with. There are two very important items here which have not been discussed previously. One of these amounts to \$42 million and the other to \$4,317,000. I certainly intend to direct a number of remarks to the latter item, because it is the first time it has been before the house.

Mr. Abbott: I should hope we might sit a sufficient length of time to dispose of these, and would ask if the house would be prepared to do that. Of course, I am not in a position to insist. However, it would greatly facilitate the job I have to do if that consent were given. We have had close to five hours of discussion now.

Mr. Fleming: It will be just as easy, with unanimous consent, to take it tomorrow.

Mr. MacInnis: I have no objection to sitting fifteen or twenty minutes, but I am not going to sit here, if there is going to be a discussion, until twelve o'clock.

Mr. Abbott: Then may I suggest this: tomorrow is private members' day, on resolutions, I understand. If I could have unanimous consent to complete this job at three o'clock, perhaps it would suit the house better. I would appreciate it very much if that could be done.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Tomorrow being private members' day, after the Minister of Finance has concluded the business he announced a moment ago we will take up resolutions standing in members' names, following the order under standing order No. 15.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

[The following items were passed in committee of supply]:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Administration service—

565. Publicity and extension division—further amount required, \$12,000.