

*National Defence Act Amendment*

Then, we have further statistics here covering the discussions of defence in the house, and this includes the question and answer period, supply, interim supply, estimates in both special and standing committees, and the white paper on defence from March, 1964 to April, 1967, inclusive. We find the total number of words spoken amounted to over 3,100,000; the total number of questions raised, approximately 11,040—

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** How many answers?

**Mr. Byrne:** There were an equal number of answers, of course.

**The Chairman:** Order. I must interrupt the hon. member to advise him that the time allotted to him has expired.

**Some hon. Members:** Continue.

**The Chairman:** Does the hon. member wish to continue? Does he have unanimous consent to continue?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Byrne:** We have obviously slipped away from the very strong feelings against one another, so I may say I deeply appreciate this consideration.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Chairman. I should like to draw the attention of the hon. member to the fact that this courtesy has always been available to hon. members on the other side, but not to members on this side.

**Mr. Pilon:** That is not true.

**Mr. Byrne:** I expected to hear from the hon. member for Cape Breton South. He never fails to get into a debate, one way or the other. The bill was returned to the house to be dealt with in committee of the whole. Up to April 17, there were 101 members who had participated in the debate. The number of words spoken amounted to 359,275. The hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre has spoken four times; the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona, five times; the hon. member for Halifax, four times; the hon. member for Edmonton West, three times; the hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek—my home area—three times; the hon. member for Cape Breton South, three times.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** Mr. Chairman, I rise now on a point of order.

**Mr. Byrne:** Adequate time, therefore, has been given for discussion of this bill.

[Mr. Byrne.]

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** I should like to draw to the attention of the hon. member and the committee that I have spoken three times because, through the courtesy of hon. members on this side, members on that side were allowed extended time. Although I spoke three times I had less time for debate than the hon. members on that side who have been given the privilege of extended time. I spoke three times simply because I was refused the extra time allotted to the Liberals.

**Mr. Byrne:** It is hardly a point of order for the hon. member to point out that he had less to say than hon. members on this side of the house.

**Mr. Kindt:** I see the crocodile smiles on the faces of members in the second row on the government side. I hope they will laugh now, and also after I have completed my remarks. Ever since I had the opportunity of seeing Bill No. C-243 and to read it carefully and quietly, to myself, it has been my intention to speak on the bill. I feel that when \$1.7 billion is involved, when the efficiency of our fighting forces is involved, any member in this house representing the taxpayers of this country should find sufficient time to speak on the bill and try to protect the interests of the people of Canada who are paying the money.

I was greatly interested in the remarks of the hon. member for Kootenay East. I did not interrupt him but remained quietly in my seat. I hope he will supply copies of his speech to his constituents. If he does, Mr. Chairman, I am certain that he will not be back in this house again.

● (9:00 p.m.)

I have nothing personal against my colleague who is in a constituency to the west of mine. We have worked together on many issues. Whenever a crucial matter arises affecting coal shipments to Japan—in the initiation of which I played some part a number of years ago—my hon. friend from Kootenay East seems to grab all the publicity; he is good at that. With the present Liberal government in office I have a hard time to get my proper share of the credit for coal shipments to Japan.

Be that as it may, Mr. Chairman, the hon. member commenced his speech by stating that he was not going to deal in personalities. Yet his speech dealt in personalities from start to finish. First of all he picked on the member for Edmonton-Strathcona. He seemed to find nothing good to say about any hon. member who had spoken in committee against