

Motion for Concurrence

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Drury thereupon moved that Bill C-224, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1971, be read the first time and printed.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Speaker: When shall the said bill be read the second time?

Some hon. Members: Now.

Mr. Drury thereupon moved that Bill C-224, for granting Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1971, be read the second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

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

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. Could we have a copy of the bill? I know a few have been distributed, but we are all Members of Parliament representing various constituencies. I cannot believe that I am the only one who is now being given a copy of the bill as a gift from the Minister of Finance, perhaps thereby putting this country into bankruptcy.

The Chairman: Shall clause 2 carry?

Clause 2 agreed to.

The Chairman: Shall clause 3 carry?

Mr. Bell: On division.

Clause 3 agreed to.

The Chairman: Shall clause 4 carry?

Mr. Bell: On division.

Clause 4 agreed to.

The Chairman: Shall clause 5 carry?

Mr. Bell: On division.

Clause 5 agreed to.

The Chairman: Shall clause 6 carry?

Mr. Bell: On division.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Mr. MacLean: Mr. Chairman, before the bill carries, would the spokesman for the government give the usual undertaking that the bill is in the standard form and that the schedule is exactly what has already been considered in committee?

Mr. Drury: Mr. Chairman, I can give the usual assurance.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. I realize that I cannot debate a bill I have never read and that nobody else has read until now. I want to mention how superfluous these rules are because the purse strings have been taken out of Parliament. I hope the press will say how ridiculous this is.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Clause 1 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Chairman, I rise on one more point of order.

The Chairman: Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member would wait until the bill is reported. I understood there was agreement to report the bill.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Chairman, I should like to say what I have to say before \$13 million is frittered away.

An hon. Member: It is more like \$13 billion that is ultimately involved.

Bill reported.

Mr. Speaker: When shall the said bill be read the third time?

Some hon. Members: By leave, now.

Mr. Drury moved the third reading of the bill.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

An hon. Member: On division.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

At 10.40 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to special order.