

Last fall the President of the Treasury Board said that we would have to wait until the budget was announced before he would give us a report on the money we spend on special interest groups. I did not hear anything in the budget yesterday about special interest groups. Another half a billion dollars of government money is being wasted. We could have cut in that area rather than cutting back on the core social programs.

We have a bad record on megaprojects. The Lloydminster heavy oil upgrader cost over \$500 million and was supposed to be a great deal. We bailed out of that a couple of months ago and sold our \$500 million interest for \$42 million. Not good business. With the Regina heavy oil upgrader we walked away from our loan guarantee at a cost of \$125 million. Hibernia, the biggest one, is now going to cost \$5.8 billion. This government is going to put in \$3.6 billion, 62 per cent of the cost and we are going to have 8.5 per cent of the equity.

We have major problems in the way this government runs the finances of this country. When we go through these estimates we are going to find many things. We are going to tell Canadians about the waste, the mismanagement, the protection of jobs at the top and the elimination of jobs at the bottom. We have to tell Canadians what this government is doing. Over the next few months we will be raising these questions at committee.

REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Hon. Arthur C. Eggleton (President of the Treasury Board and Minister responsible for Infrastructure, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Orders 81(4) and 81(6), I move:

That the main estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1996 laid upon the table on February 28, 1995 be referred to the several standing committees of the House as follows:

Since the list is rather lengthy, I would ask that it be printed in *Hansard* at this point without being read.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Is it agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

[*Editor's note: List referred to above is as follows:*]

- To the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development**
Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, L20, L25, L30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 55
- To the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food**
Agriculture and Agri-Food, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15 and 20
- To the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage**
Canadian Heritage, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, L20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 145 and 150

Routine Proceedings

- To the Standing Committee on Government Operations**
Canadian Heritage, Vote 140
Governor General, Vote 1
Parliament, Vote 1
Privy Council, Votes 1, 5, 10 and 35
Public Works and Government Services, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40
Treasury Board, Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15
- To the Standing Committee on Natural Resources**
Natural Resources, Votes 1, 5, 10, L15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50
- To the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development**
Environment, Votes 1, 5 and 10
Privy Council, Vote 30
- To the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade**
Foreign Affairs, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, L25, L30, 35, 40 and 45
Public Works and Government Services, Vote 45
- To the Standing Committee on Finance**
Finance, Votes 1, 5, L10, L15, L20, 25, L30, 40 and 55
National Revenue, Votes 1, 5 and 10
- To the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans**
Fisheries and Oceans, Votes 1, 5 and 10
- To the Standing Committee on Health**
Health, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30
- To the Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Status of Disabled Persons**
Justice, Vote 15
- To the Standing Committee on Industry**
Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Votes 1, 5 and 10
Finance, Votes 45 and 50
Industry, Votes 1, 5, 10, L15, L20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100 and 105
Western Economic Diversification, Votes 1 and 5
- To the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs**
Justice, Votes 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45
Privy Council, Vote 40
Solicitor General, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50
- To the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development**
Human Resources Development, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45* and 50
- To the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs**
Parliament, Vote 5
Privy Council, Vote 20
- To the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs**
National Defence, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15 and 20
Veterans Affairs, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15 and 20
- To the Standing Committee on Public Accounts**
Finance, Vote 35
- To the Standing Committee on Transport**
Privy Council, Vote 15
Transport, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50
- To the Standing Joint Committee on Official Languages**
Privy Council, Vote 25
- To the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration**
Citizenship and Immigration, Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15
- To the Standing Joint Committee on Library of Parliament**
Parliament, Vote 10