

Mr. URQUHART: Either Mr. Brunet or Mr. Ross might answer.

Mr. MANDZIUK: I understood you to say this is the first time this association made representation?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): There never was any occasion because the fund had been replenished, as I said, when there were supplementary payments required out of the fund. That is a fact. It is unfair to suggest to this witness that he never objected to something which never took place.

The CHAIRMAN: I understood the question asked was whether or not, at the time of the last increase in the premiums paid by the individual and the employer, the association registered any complaint about the increase. That is what he is asking.

Mr. URQUHART: At the meetings of the Canadian Construction Association, there has been a lot of comment on it. I do not think, however, any official representation had been made to the government. We make a lot of resolutions at our annual convention each year and put down the most important ones. The most important one this year, or one of the more important ones, is the Unemployment Insurance Act; because this is a more drastic step than previously had been taken.

The CHAIRMAN: We now are at a point where we have about seven more minutes. Will we have the association back again in order to ask them further questions? Already I have had the secretary send out invitations to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to be here on Thursday. Is that agreed?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): What is the intention in respect of these gentlemen?

The CHAIRMAN: So far, I have asked to have these other representatives here.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): Are these gentlemen coming back?

The CHAIRMAN: Is it your wish they come back today or tomorrow, in order to finish this?

Mr. MACLEAN (*Winnipeg North Centre*): I think we are finished with this association as such.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): You may be; I am afraid we are not. In paragraph 6 of the brief, for instance, it says:

The proposed increase in contributions may not be sufficient to put the scheme in financial balance in view of the fact that the government also wishes to increase the schedule of benefits and lengthen the benefit period.

Would you care to comment on that paragraph, because it is a very important statement?

Mr. URQUHART: That is my own personal feeling. However, on that particular point I think you would have to obtain a report from your actuarial body of the unemployment insurance commission. That is only an opinion, a wild guess.

Mr. MANDZIUK: In other words, you just are making a general statement on behalf of your association. You do not have any figures. I am referring to the point brought up by Mr. Martin. You have no figures, you may be wrong.

Mr. URQUHART: That is only the background of what I have acquired in studying the thing over the last couple of years.

Mr. MANDZIUK: There is a possibility you may be wrong?

Mr. URQUHART: That is possible; yes.

The CHAIRMAN: The matters which you wish to explore now cannot be done in a few minutes. We have invited these other organizations for next