

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): I do notice one thing about the bill before us, and I wish to call it to the attention of the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine). I know it is an oversight and is due to the speed with which this material has had to be prepared, but there is no reference in the bill to the act which is actually being amended. The Unemployment Insurance Act is R.S.C. Chapter 273, and section 50 of that act is not the section 50 contained in the explanatory notes to this bill. I know if I went to the statute citator I could easily find the reference to the act which is actually being amended, but there does not happen to be one in the Library in this chamber. It would be of convenience to all honourable senators if every bill generally contained in the margin a reference to the statute that is actually being amended by the bill.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: It says "Unemployment Insurance Act".

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Yes, but if you look at Chapter 273 of the Revised Statutes you will observe that section 50 reads as follows:

The Commission may, if it thinks fit, refer any question mentioned in section 47 to the umpire for decision.

Hon. Mr. Brunt: The act has been entirely revised.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): The act as contained in the Revised Statutes has since been amended, and there is no reference in the bill to the subsequent amendment. Such a reference would be convenient generally, and in particular, if I may say so, to the lawyers in this house, because one looks for that kind of reference and does not find it.

Hon. Mr. Brunt: I quite agree.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): There has been a good deal of discussion about the \$14 million cost to the Treasury of payments to be made if this bill becomes effective. I take it the honourable gentleman implies that this is to be paid out of the unemployment insurance fund, not out of the consolidated revenue fund?

Hon. Mr. Brunt: That is correct.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): I understood the honourable gentleman to say it is expected that some 200,000 people will benefit if this bill becomes law. I would not expect him to have the information at hand tonight, but I would like to know if these figures were supplied by the Department of Labour and, secondly, if they are, what percentage of the unemployed in Canada today do the

200,000 persons represent? Perhaps if the bill goes over until tomorrow we might get that information.

Hon. Mr. Brunt: I can answer part of my friend's question. The figures that I gave with respect to the 200,000 persons who would benefit and the amount of benefits approximating \$14 million were furnished by the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Does the honourable gentleman know if they are figures which have been supplied by the Department of Labour or do they come from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics?

Hon. Mr. Brunt: I am unable to answer that question; the figures came to me from the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): And you do not know the percentage of the unemployed in Canada today on the basis of the Department of Labour figures, I take it?

Hon. Mr. Brunt: I do not.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): If the bill goes over until tomorrow, perhaps we could have the information at that time.

Hon. Mr. Golding: Honourable senators, I would like to ask a question of the sponsor of the bill. This proposed extension would expire about the end of June. If after that date there is still a large number of unemployed such as are now being provided for, what provision will be made for those persons?

Hon. Mr. Brunt: That is a question of Government policy. The Government will have to decide at the end of June just what it will desire to do and it will have to make up its mind as to whether it wants to allow the seasonal benefits to lapse or to be extended. I do not make Government policy, and there is no place where I can get an answer to that question at the present time.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time.

THIRD READING POSTPONED

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall the bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Hawkins: Honourable senators, is it the intention that this bill should receive royal assent tonight?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Hawkins: I have had a good deal to do with unemployment insurance matters, and although I do not know much