

Mrs. FAIRCLOUGH: I think we raised that point the other day. I do not pose as an authority by any manner of means, but is there any difference between a fund which is an insurance fund established by contribution from employers and employees in the main, and expenditures made for administrative purposes which are a direct charge on the government?

Hon. Mr. GREGG: I did check on that. As the chairman has pointed out, there would be no objection to making a recommendation because it has been done in other cases. But the contributions are on a 40-40-20 basis, the 20 per cent is the money of the taxpayers, and it is in exactly the same category as other financial commitments in legislation.

Mr. CROLL: In view of your ruling, Mr. Chairman, and the fact that the same ruling was applied to my earlier amendment with respect to fishermen, I am going to move by way of recommendation that paragraph (a) of sub-clause (1) of clause 48 be amended by deleting therefrom the word "thirty" and substituting the word "thirty-six". I am not going to enter into an argument. It has already been made clear. I was impressed with the case made by the officials of the department—not wholly impressed, as you can see from my amendment—but I think if the committee is prepared to make this recommendation, there is a chance that it may be looked upon favourably. It would be some progress and I think it would be rather a good compromise if we could bring it about.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: I have been unable to accept the amendment proposed by Mrs. Fairclough. So we still have to vote on clause 38 (1) (a).

Mrs. FAIRCLOUGH: Will you accept that motion as a recommendation and bring it up at the time that recommendations are brought in?

Mr. KNOWLES: If 51 weeks is out of order, then why not 36 weeks?

Mr. CROLL: No. I said it was a recommendation of the committee and had nothing to do with the bill.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: It has been the practice to accept recommendations for our final report.

Mr. CROLL: Mine has nothing to do with the clause as such. My observation was a recommendation to be put forward by this committee. What I am saying in effect is that instead of 30 times it should be 36 times. That is the effect of my recommendation.

Mr. KNOWLES: I move that the words "thirty-six" in Mr. Croll's recommendation be changed to "fifty-one".

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: In view of the fact that I have been unable to accept the amendment to the clause shall the clause carry?

Carried.

Mr. CHURCHILL: There is still one way left to the committee, and that is to try to persuade the minister to suggest a change.

Hon. Mr. GREGG: I said a moment ago that I regretted that I was unable to accept the 51 weeks amendment as indicated by Mrs. Fairclough.

Mr. CHURCHILL: I thought if you were not able to accept Mrs. Fairclough's amendment that you might put one forward yourself as a sort of face-saving.

Hon. Mr. GREGG: You wanted to change the actual clause in the bill.

Mr. BROWN (*Essex West*): Is the minister a member of the committee at the present time or is he just sitting here as a member of the government?

Hon. Mr. GREGG: I am not a member of the committee, no.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: If this clause passed as is, the committee might later vote on a recommendation from the committee in the presence of the minister who would be dealing with all these questions again in the cabinet.