

Veterans Insurance

a practice followed by commercial insurance companies in that the insured has the full right to decide the method of payment on a policy.

This amendment will also allow a beneficiary who is currently receiving an annuity to receive the full settlement of the annuity if he so desires. This amendment in no way affects the veteran's right to designate the proceeds of his policy as an annuity if he considers this is indicated.

I also mentioned that I had other remarks to make, primarily with regard to clause 6, and I should like to—

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): I regret to interrupt the hon. member for St. Boniface (Mr. Guay), but he is not supposed to refer to particular clauses at this stage. He will be allowed to do so when we will go into committee of the whole.

[English]

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Madam Speaker, I should like to add to your suggestion by saying that it is also very important, somehow and somewhere, that someone should mention some parts of the legislation with which we are faced. One thing I cannot be criticized for is not being able to speak about the bill before us at the present time.

Perhaps I should mention this clause, but in a few words. This would give a person who is designated as a beneficiary by the insured the right, subject to the discretion of the minister and to the furnishing of the required proof to be paid under the contract of insurance on the death of the insured—

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Order, please. Again I regret to interrupt the hon. member, but he must not refer to nor read any particular clause at this stage. We have to discuss the broad principles of the bill and not specific clauses.

[English]

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Mr. Marshall: Madam Speaker, I could not agree with you more, and if the hon. member had been in the House before when there was unanimous consent to have second reading, he would know that we could get into the committee of the whole and that he could bring up clause 6 and say anything he wants about it.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): In that case I am one of those who will not unduly delay any legislation in any way, shape or form, and I wholeheartedly agree with that statement.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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

On clause 2.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Madam Chairman, I want to thank all hon. members present here this evening for allowing me to continue with some of the comments I

[Mr. Guay (St. Boniface).]

wanted to make. I know that there could have been some objection, so I wish to thank hon. members in the opposition for allowing me to comment at this time.

In accordance with your suggestion, Madam Chairman, I will now quote clause 6, and a part thereof which I wanted to mention.

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: Again I regret to interrupt the hon. member, but we are discussing clause 2 at the present time.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: Shall clause 2 carry?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

On clause 6.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Madam Chairman—

An hon. Member: Now you've forgotten what you were going to say.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): I believe that by now hon. members will know the clause to which I wish to make reference. I believe I do not have to quote it again, and there is no doubt that I will be very brief.

Mr. Marshall: I think we all agree that we want to pass this bill quickly, and I hope the hon. member is not trying to filibuster it.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): I should like to bring to the attention of the House this evening the fact that if the loyal opposition is concerned about passing this bill in the limited time in which we are discussing it at the present time, it should be more willing to do so with regard to all other bills, including Bill C-68. If they are willing to do this, they can rest assured that I will sit down right now.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): We are on clause 6, Joe.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): All I want to say is that I am wholeheartedly in favour of this bill. I had something to say about clause 6. I am very happy that the minister and the government saw fit to bring in this legislation despite the fact that some may believe that I am trying to delay it, even in three minutes. I will now sit down in order to allow the bill to pass.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: Shall clause 6 carry?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.