

The CHAIRMAN (*Hon. Mrs. Fergusson*): Yes.

Is it the wish of the committee that we should continue the meeting now and hear Dr. Willard?

Mr. CHATTERTON: Dr. Willard is probably one of the most important witnesses from the department and it seems to me we should have time to question him immediately after his presentation.

Mr. SCOTT: I think the reverse is true. I would prefer to hear him and take some notes and then have a chance to ask him questions when I have studied my notes.

The CHAIRMAN (*Hon. Mrs. Fergusson*): May we have a show of hands?

Hon. Mr. McCUTCHEON: I suggest that we could hear Dr. Willard now but not start questioning him today.

The CHAIRMAN (*Hon. Mrs. Fergusson*): Is that agreed?

Agreed.

Before we ask Dr. Willard to start his presentation there is one matter we should take up, and that is with regard to the appointment of a vice chairman.

Mr. SCOTT: I nominate Mr. Knowles.

Mr. KNOWLES: I nominate Mr. Francis.

Mr. MONTEITH: I do not think we need a vice chairman; we have two chairmen.

The CHAIRMAN (*Hon. Mrs. Fergusson*): I think the reason this was brought up was that in the former committee on pensions there was a vice chairman as well as joint chairmen.

Do you wish to continue your motion?

Mr. SCOTT: Stanley does not want the restriction put upon him so I will withdraw the nomination!

Mr. KNOWLES: You are a very understanding colleague!

I withdraw my nomination for the time being. I do not want to lose Lloyd Francis because I think we should make use of him!

The CHAIRMAN (*Hon. Mrs. Fergusson*): I certainly do not want to lose Lloyd Francis either; he adds a great deal to the committee.

Most of you know Dr. Willard. He is the deputy minister of welfare.

Dr. J. W. WILLARD (*Deputy Minister of Welfare, Department of National Health and Welfare*): Madam Chairman, it is rather difficult to know how to deal with my remarks before the committee. The minister has covered a great deal of the material as far as the bill is concerned and has discussed the details of a number of important sections.

First of all I should mention the officials who will be involved in the hearing and explain why there seems to be a very considerable number of them. I would suggest that in the preparation of this Bill we have had the broadest involvement of government departments and agencies of any legislation considered by parliament for some time. This is a measure of the complex nature of the legislation and an indication of the variety of aspects in which these different departments and agencies were able to be of assistance.

They include, in addition to the Department of National Health and Welfare, the Prime Minister's office, the Department of National Revenue, the Department of Finance, the department of insurance, the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, the Unemployment Insurance Commission, the Department of Labour, the dominion bureau of statistics and last, but certainly not least, the Department of Justice.

As the committee proceeds with its study of the bill, the way in which these government agencies are concerned with the program will become apparent.