vincial securities is to be the rate on similar securities of the government of Canada, which of course will vary according to the term of the securities which are purchased.

**Mr. Monteith:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the minister would allow a question?

**Mr. Benson:** I will be finished in just a moment, and then I will answer the question. In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw hon. members' attention to clause 116 of Bill No. C-136, which requires a report by the chief actuary at least once every five years on the Canada pension plan account and a report whenever any bill is introduced into the House of Commons to amend this act as it is finally passed.

All hon. members know that this is legislation with far reaching effects. It is legislation which is needed in Canada in order to provide a sense of security for those of our citizens who are no longer able to work. It is, because of its very nature, complicated legislation and I urge its early approval in principle so that it may be referred to the special committee for more detailed examination.

**Mr. Monteith:** Mr. Speaker, if the minister would permit this question: Just who does determine the amount that has to be transferred to the provinces?

**Mr. Benson:** This is clearly stated in the bill, and it is the Minister of Finance. And, Mr. Speaker, it is not a matter of transfer to the provinces, as my hon. friend will find on a further perusal of the bill, but is a matter of investment of the excess funds beyond those required to make all payments and to cover administration for the ensuing three months.

**Mr. Monteith:** Then the Minister of Finance, I gather, is the one who determines the amount, without any checking or auditing by the provinces?

**Mr. Benson:** Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend knows better than this.

**Mr. Monteith:** Don't be disgusted; just answer the question.

**Mr. Benson:** The Minister of Finance has the right to determine the amount that is required to meet payments out of the pension fund and administration for the ensuing three months. These funds are then set aside. The excess funds beyond these are then available for investment in provincial securities or in securities of the government of Canada. The provinces will be entitled to have invested in their securities out of this amount of money an amount based on the proportion that their contributions during a previous period up to 120 months is to all contributions to the Canada pension plan fund. The Minister of Finance is required by the bill to inform the provinces what amount is available for investment in a particular province and the province may then bring forward the securities.

**Mr. Monteith:** So there will be nothing left for the federal government to invest in any way whatsoever and the province has the complete determination as to the type of investment in which these funds are placed?

**Mr. Benson:** The province always has the right of determination as to how it will invest, how it will spend money within its own jurisdiction. There will be some funds in excess of the funds invested in the province, in that we will have contributions from the Northwest Territories and the Yukon. However, the Minister of Finance will make the other funds available for investment by the provinces, and the province must decide how it is going to spend its money.

**Mr. Barnett:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the minister would permit one question. Earlier in his remarks he made some reference to the relationship between the pension and the level of earnings of people who become 65 years of age five years after the plan comes into effect. I wonder if he could give us some similar examples for those people who are 65 years of age on the day the plan comes into effect.

**Mr. Benson:** Mr. Speaker, this is a question to which the hon. member obviously knows the answer.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Rhéaume:** Do you?

**Mr. Benson:** If one is 65 years of age when this plan comes into effect and continues to work until age 70 and contribute to the Canada pension plan, he will of course be entitled to 50 per cent of benefits under the Canada pension plan. But if one is retired at age 65 and does not continue to work, or is retired at age 75 when the Canada pension plan comes into effect, he will of course only be entitled to his old age security pension of $75 per month plus any increases which may take place in this pension through either act of parliament or action resulting from the attachment of this pension to the pension index.

**Mr. Rhéaume:** He gets nothing, you mean.

**Mr. Olson:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of National Revenue, inasmuch as he referred to clause 116, whether the chief actuary will be required to prepare a report every time a private member introduces a public bill to amend this act.