place so shortly thereafter. If she believed so strongly and was so convinced that she was right at that time, how in the world can she be so convinced that she is right now? We are having, Mr. Chairman, at least two chances at this legislation, which reminds me of the story of the man trying to jump a chasm in two jumps.

I have before me, Mr. Chairman, a speech prepared for delivery by Hon. Judy LaMarsh, Minister of National Health and Welfare, at a meeting of the Canadian pension conference in Toronto on Monday, September 30, 1963. I think this is a rather interesting document. As I recall, that was the day parliament reconvened after the summer recess, and the first item of business for discussion that day was the increase of the old age security by an amount of $10 per month. I believe that as a consequence the minister was detained in the house and was not able to be present herself; but I am assuming this was read to the meeting by the—

**Mr. Munro:** You are doing it now.

**Mr. Monteith:** I have not read anything yet. Be patient.

**An hon. Member:** What do you mean, "yet"?

**Mr. Monteith:** I think this was read to the meeting by the parliamentary secretary, or at least this is what I understand. This indicates how the government of the day was so confused at that time. This speech, which was read by the parliamentary secretary to that meeting on the evening of September 30, because of the enforced absence of the Minister of National Health and Welfare due to her presence being required here in the house in regard to this particular piece of legislation, deals with the situation as it existed on July 18 last. This is not an up to date picture, as we have had presented to us today. On that very day parliament reconvened, and we undertook in this House of Commons to raise old age security by $10 per month and to pay for it by at least $100 million in extra taxes imposed upon the taxpayers of this country. I have said this shows how confused was the government, and I now suggest that they did not know at all where they were going. The present plan has apparently been constructed and devised entirely since this statement, at which time the minister was presumably in a position to give what she thought to be an authoritative statement on the situation which then existed. I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that this again demonstrates backtracking, backsliding, reversal and just not knowing where one is going in the first place.

I should like to review the actual resolution before us today. I shall read it, and read it slowly so we may analyse the full import of the actual words used:

> That it is expedient to introduce a measure, to be known as the Canada pension plan, to establish a comprehensive program of old age pensions in Canada payable to contributors—

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Monteith:** We all agree with this. I think the government may well applaud, Mr. Chairman, because we all agree with it. The resolution continues:

> —and to provide, among other things, for the payment of retirement pensions beginning at any age between 65 and 70 years—

I am sure we all agree with this, Mr. Chairman.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Monteith:** It is very heartening, I might point out, to be applauded so heartily by those on the government benches. The resolution continues:

> —for the payment of pensions to surviving spouses beginning at any age from 65 years—

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Monteith:** That also, Mr. Chairman, we agree with, except that it does not go far enough and provide real survivor benefits or any disability coverage. I continue reading the resolution:

> —for the progressive establishment of full pensions over an initial period of ten years—

Yes, indeed:

> —for the co-ordination of pensions payable under the Old Age Security Act with pensions payable under the Canada pension plan—

I say yes, again:

> —and for the payment of adjusted pensions under the Old Age Security Act beginning at any age from 65 years—

I am sure we are all for that.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Monteith:** I go on:

> —and to provide further that all expenditures under the Canada pension plan, including costs of administration shall be financed from contributions by employees, employers and self employed persons.

That seems sound, Mr. Chairman, except the Prime Minister has said that all administrative costs would not be financed out of contributions, in the early stages. Who, or what party, could be against those provisions set forth in the resolution? They are all of admirable purpose. They agree, in part at least, with what we in this party have been trying to bring into being since 1962.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.