

*Canada Pension Plan*

It has a majority in the house, and that is why it is the government.

I am not asking the minister to itemize specific regulations. All I ask is, have the regulations been drawn up? Are there any special provisions that will assist the integration of existing plans? She may say there are no regulations drawn up, but in doing so she is saying we are a bunch of naïve boys, that we have not been in parliament very long and do not know how its wheels grind. Let her assume that, but she must answer the second part of my question. Is the government considering regulations which will make special provision for existing plans, of which there are 5,000 odd across Canada?

To put it in a nutshell, I am not satisfied to have the department, the government and parliament send out information. This is not enough. What I want to know is whether the government is considering regulations which will make provision for the integration of existing pension plans. If the answer is in the negative, then we will know the government has turned a cold shoulder to these people.

**Miss LaMarsh:** If my hon. friend really wants the answer in a nutshell, the answers to questions one, two, three and four are no.

**Mr. Horner (Acadia):** Well, I am not satisfied because that is the answer I was afraid of getting. I will ask the parliamentary secretary, a person I have admired for a number of years. He is a young fellow like myself. He is seriously concerned with the problems confronting Canadians.

**Miss LaMarsh:** Does my hon. friend realize how much he is jeopardizing the career of my parliamentary secretary?

**Mr. Horner (Acadia):** In no way do I want to jeopardize the career of the parliamentary secretary. I know his career has no limits. I say advisedly he may have a promising future and I do not want to jeopardize it in any way at all. The minister has said no; let that be heard across the country. My concern, whether as a government supporter or member of the opposition, has been that of a legislator concerned with all problems confronting Canadians.

People paying into existing plans have asked me, "How will our plans integrate with this?" I could not really reply. I said I hoped they would, and they said they hoped they would. There are many such people. I have mentioned teachers and municipal workers. There are also the labour unions

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and many more Canadians, with the possible exception of day labourers and farmers, paying into private pension plans, and in some cases farmers are too.

It is not good enough for me to tell them, "We have sent out information. Didn't you get it?" Out of 100 people 99 will say they never saw that information, they were told their plans could not be integrated and therefore are faced with an added burden on their shoulders. I am trying to get to the core of the problem. I asked the minister a simple question: Is she considering special regulations which will provide for the integration of existing plans?

**An hon. Member:** Repetition.

**Mr. Horner (Acadia):** That does not bother me at all. I have learned that in order to be heard one must repeat things. The minister's "no" means the government is not making special provision for private pension plans: If they can integrate, fine and dandy; if they cannot, then let them go jump into the lake.

People will be paying into two plans or else will forfeit the rights they have already established in a private plan. This is not something to be brushed lightly aside. The Department of National Revenue should be considering this matter.

**Mr. Benson:** Mr. Chairman, if the hon. member would like answers to some of the questions he has been raising, perhaps I could read him a little bit from the script of a T.V. program in which appeared Premier Robarts of Ontario and Mr. Coward of the Ontario pension commission. In this program very similar questions were asked. Premier Robarts said on that T.V. program:

Well then the second question that I know—

**Mr. MacInnis:** On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, the Minister of National Revenue has stood in his place to answer the hon. member for Acadia, who wants answers to the questions he has asked. He has already got the answers from the Minister of National Health and Welfare when she said, "No, no, no, no". Now the Minister of National Revenue rises in his place to speak about Premier Robarts, which has nothing whatsoever to do with what is before the committee at the present time.

**The Deputy Chairman:** Order. I would have to listen to what is going to be said by the Minister of National Revenue before I could decide whether it is in order.

**Mr. Benson:** Mr. Chairman, the hon. member has been raising some questions here, and