

RULING BY MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I thank the honourable Member for Palliser (Mr. Schumacher) for his contribution on behalf of his proposed amendment.

The Recommendation affixed to the bill states in part: "to provide under the circumstances prescribed for the return of contributions to a contributor who, being a member of a certified religious sect or division of a religious sect has elected not to make contributions;"

The honourable Member has made an interesting contribution in respect of the rule relating to what is sauce for the goose and sauce for the gander as opposed to the Royal Recommendation. On balance I think the Chair must decide that his proposed motion goes beyond the bill and assumes that spouses of contributors should be allowed to make contributions in respect of this pension plan. I would think, and I gather that most honourable Members would agree, that if this motion were adopted it would amend provisions of the main Act which are not before the House at this time.

Secondly, I suggest the proposed motion would be inconsonant with the main purpose of the bill as stated by the Royal Recommendation. The Chair has many times used the Royal Recommendation as a reason for not allowing an amendment, as, in accordance with our democratic system, the Royal Recommendation must be heeded at all times. For those reasons, and in spite of the charming argument of the honourable Member, the Chair regretfully rejects the proposed motion numbered 5.

Mr. Horner (Crowfoot), seconded by Mr. MacLean, moved,—That Bill C-190, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan, be amended in Clause 2 by deleting the word "greater" in line 32 at page 3 and substituting therefor the word:

"lesser".

After debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, it was negatived.

Mr. Horner (Crowfoot), seconded by Mr. Skoreyko, moved,—That Bill C-190, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan, be amended in Clause 2 by deleting the words "a prescribed rate" in line 33 at page 3 and substituting therefor the words:

"a rate of 7%".

Mr. Horner (Crowfoot), seconded by Mr. Skoreyko, moved,—That Bill C-190, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan, be amended in Clause 3 by deleting the words "a prescribed rate" in lines 4 and 15 at page 4 and substituting therefor the words:

"a rate of 7%".

And debate arising on the said motions;

Changes in Committee Membership

Notice having been filed with the Clerk of the House pursuant to Standing Order 65(4)(b), membership of Committees was amended as follows:

Mr. Penner for Mr. Gauthier (Ottawa East) on the Special Committee on Trends in Foods Prices.

Mr. Fox for Mr. Breau on the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

Mr. Barnett for Mr. Saltsman on the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. Darling for Mr. McKenzie on the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

Messrs. Darling, Nielsen and Korchinski for Messrs. Kuntz, Oberle and Taylor on the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Returns and Reports Deposited with the Clerk of the House

The following paper having been deposited with the Clerk of the House was laid upon the Table pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), namely:

By Mr. Gray, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, —Copies of Order in Council P.C. 1973-3141, dated October 16, 1973, amending Part II of the Schedule to the Hazardous Products Act, pursuant to section 8(3) of the said Act, chapter H-3, R.S.C., 1970. (English and French). —Sessional Paper No. 291-1/160D.

At 6.00 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned until tomorrow at 2.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).