

if additional remuneration is to be paid to judges appointed as conciliators or arbitrators on boards established to deal with disputes affecting employers and their employees, then the approval of Parliament for payment of the additional remuneration should be sought.

Unemployment Assistance (Paragraph 84)

56. In the course of its consideration of the problems arising from the administration of the Unemployment Assistance Act, the Committee was assisted in its review by the Deputy Minister of Welfare who referred at length to the problems encountered in administering this legislation across Canada.

57. The Committee shares the opinion of the Deputy Minister of Welfare and the Auditor General that consideration should be given by Parliament to redrafting the Unemployment Assistance Act so as to state more clearly the objectives and methods of achieving them and to remove ambiguities in the present law which have resulted in varying interpretations. It believes that consideration should also be given to including with Unemployment Assistance other existing programs to assist the needy so as to provide better co-ordination of federal-provincial efforts in this field.

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58. The importance of maintaining parliamentary control over financial matters is the paramount concern of this Committee. It is therefore expected that its recommendations will be given close attention by the departments, Crown Corporations and other agencies, and the Committee requests that each deputy minister concerned advise the Auditor General within three months from this date as to what action has been taken on matters on which the Committee has made recommendations in this report.

59. In accordance with the practice followed by the Committee in its reports to the House for the past three years, the Auditor General is again requested to report to the Committee in due course on the action taken by the various government departments, Crown Corporations and other agencies, toward implementing recommendations contained herein.

60. Your Committee desires to express its appreciation to the Auditor General and the members of his staff who were continuously present during the proceedings, and also to all the other witnesses including the members of the Canada Council who appeared before the Committee. Your Committee also wishes to record its satisfaction with respect to the results achieved by reason of the diligence of the Auditor General in following up the recommendations made by the Public Accounts Committee in previous years.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, Nos. 1 to 9, is appended.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman.