

Canada Pension Plan

opposite are not concerned about taxes, I should like them to stand up and call me to order. I am referring to the problem of integrating this plan with the existing plans. I am using the municipalities as an example. A municipality may have some form of pension plan already in existence. I am using teachers as an example.

Now, the question I ask the two ministers—I see the Minister of Finance sitting on the front benches and perhaps he can let us have his wisdom on this subject, because it is one concerning high finance. I ask the ministers concerned, is there a possibility of integrating this plan with the many others in existence? Is the government giving thought to this question: Is information enough? I do not think it is. I believe the two ministers should say no, it is not enough. We should categorize the 5,000 odd plans. We should make special provisions for those plans just as we did for the civil servants in Ottawa, and just as we are studying the question in relation to the R.C.M.P. and the armed services. The study should be extended to cover all persons in Canada already paying into pension plans. Have the ministers studied the question of why they cannot categorize the 5,000 odd plans? That is the second question. The third question is, why they cannot make a special provision for the categories already set up or which would have been set up under my second question?

The Deputy Chairman: Shall the clause carry?

Mr. Horner (Acadia): No, no; I want to proceed with this pension legislation—

Miss LaMarsh: We have listened at some length and with great interest to a collection of remarks by my hon. friend. The chairman then called the clause, and the hon. member rose to speak again. I suggest we have listened to him and we have answered so far as possible the questions put forward. I would ask the Chair at this point to put the question on the clause.

The Deputy Chairman: Is the committee ready for the question?

Mr. Horner (Acadia): No, it certainly is not. While the minister may have been quite patient in listening to me, there are no rules which prohibit me from rising again.

Mr. Benson: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Chairman. I believe that the rules specify that when a debate is proceeding in committee no member can succeed himself.

Mr. Monteith: I would be very glad to intercede between the hon. member's speeches. One of the ministers or the parliamentary secretary to whom the hon. member for Acadia has referred so often should attempt to answer the hon. member's questions.

The Deputy Chairman: The standing orders, of course, of this chamber give to each member in committee a limited time of 30 minutes for a speech. If this part of the debate is going to continue in this way, I shall have to ask hon. members to confine themselves as closely as possible to the material contained in clause 91.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): The hon. member for Perth intervened and of course I have the floor again. I have not much more to say than I have already said. If the minister did not hear me, I think the parliamentary secretary did because he was listening very intently. I wish the minister would give him permission to answer. However, I will repeat what I said word for word if that is necessary. I do not want to do that. I do not believe it is necessary because the Minister of National Health and Welfare is an intelligent person. I think she understands the problem. I want to ask her this question: Is there machinery set up or are there regulations set up that will assist in the integration of all types of plans under the Canada pension plan?

Miss LaMarsh: I would be happy to answer that question. It would be a real affront to parliament if my department prepared regulations under a piece of legislation that had yet to be passed by the house.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): This is a nice bit of verbiage, but I do not buy it. I have been around here six years.

Mr. Orlikow: Six too long.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): The constituents of Acadia will tell me whether it was six years too long, but since coming here I have tried to do my duty. I am trying to find out whether any provision has been made for the integration of existing pension plans with the Canada pension plan. The minister said it would be an affront to parliament to suggest that regulations have been drawn up for a piece of legislation not yet passed by parliament. How naïve does she think we are? The regulations may not be printed, but we know that the government expects to pass any bill it introduces. It is as simple as that.