

Canada Pension Plan

Mr. Monteith: Yes.

Mr. McIlraith: I wonder if it would be appropriate for the other parties to give a similar indication?

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Chairman, apart from part IV, the only clause that I can detect at the moment, other than the ones the Progressive Conservatives have mentioned, is clause 7. We have amendments to some of the clauses they mentioned, but we have an amendment of our own to clause 7.

I should like also to hear from the government at some point soon with respect to two categories of amendments. Appendix D to the committee's report specifies certain amendments. I believe it is understood we will call those clauses, perhaps have the amendments explained and let this committee of the whole house confirm them. I am interested also in the recommendations that are contained in paragraph 8 of the committee's report. These recommendations are general in nature. They do not spell out in words the precise amendment in each case, but it is our hope that the government has amendments ready. We are not even in a position to say what the numbers of the clauses are which it would be necessary to amend to implement those recommendations. Could we be given that information?

Mr. McIlraith: Yes, we will give that, and it will become quite clear when the government gives a list of the amendments it proposes. Do the other groups care to indicate any amendments they propose? I propose to ask my colleague, the Minister of National Revenue to indicate the amendments the government will propose.

Mr. Benson: The amendments, which incorporate the amendments indicated by the committee in general terms, include amendments to clauses 6, 7, 43, 44, 48, 58, 77 to 79, 91, 110 and then some amendments in part IV with which we are not going to deal at this time.

Mr. Knowles: There is one other question which arises in connection with this, and I have to put it pretty bluntly. Are there any of the recommendations in paragraph 8 of the report which the government has not accepted? If there are any that have not been accepted, we want to know so that we can raise these points on the clauses that should be amended.

Mr. Benson: I would like to point out that all these recommendations are dealt with, but not all necessarily exactly the same as in the committee report.

[Mr. McIlraith.]

Mr. Knowles: But we have been given all of the clauses that would have to be called in order for us to discuss the recommendations in paragraph 8 of the report?

Mr. Benson: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: Shall clause 3 carry?

Mr. Chatterton: To be quite clear, do I take it that the government agrees that when we reach the clauses we have named where we have proposed amendments, we might skip the consequential clauses which might come first in the bill, and deal with the substantive clauses first?

Mr. McIlraith: No, that was not the way the statement I made was worded. It was that we would call them in the sequence that they are numbered in the bill. Based on experience we had a few years ago I think that would be a more orderly and better procedure, because otherwise we would have to start trying to decide which ones are consequential without its appearing why they are consequential. I have sent my statement to the *Hansard* reporter, but it was worded in such language that it was made clear we would call those clauses which are to stand in sequence, starting with the way they are numbered in the bill.

Mr. Chatterton: Subject to further consideration, we want to reserve the right to reconsider our position, because so far as I am concerned I think our proposal is not being accepted. Our proposal was intended to save time.

Mr. McIlraith: When the committee rose at five o'clock I undertook to consider the proposal and to discuss it with my colleagues. I did that, and I think the hon. member will find that the statement I worked out pretty well meets the situation. It is true that it was worded in language different from that in the proposal moved by the hon. member for Perth, but I think it will be found that the procedure I have outlined will be the most satisfactory in the long run.

Mr. Chatterton: I accept that, with reservations.

The Chairman: Shall clause 3 carry?

Mr. Chatterton: I want to make a few brief comments—

The Chairman: Order. Was it not agreed that the clauses which were not listed would be passed?