

Old Age Security Act Amendment

for an increase that would raise their pension to \$105, he went as far as to say that bureaucrats and inspectors will pocket all the money.

It would be in order to know if he meant "steal" when he spoke about "pocketing". Nevertheless, it is necessary to raise a question of privilege and I feel that, if he went farther than he intended, he should withdraw or be called to order.

Mr. Gauthier: May I reply, Mr. Chairman?

The Deputy Chairman: Order.

Mr. Gauthier: With respect to the question of privilege, Mr. Chairman—

The Deputy Chairman: Order. It must first be established whether or not there are grounds for the hon. member's question of privilege.

Mr. Gauthier: With respect to the question of privilege, Mr. Chairman—

The Deputy Chairman: There is no question of privilege.

Mr. Boulanger: Mr. Chairman, this is in order to clarify some of the hon. member's words.

The Deputy Chairman: Order. The question of privilege, as formulated, is unfounded.

Mr. Gauthier: I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Chairman—

The Deputy Chairman: Order.

Mr. Gauthier: —because I feel that the hon. member—

The Deputy Chairman: Order. Is the hon. member rising on a question of privilege or on a point of order?

Mr. Gauthier: —because my words were misinterpreted. When I said—he understood that they were going to pocket the money—I was referring to—

Mr. Boulanger: You were referring to the investigators?

Mr. Gauthier: Yes, but would the hon. member be kind enough to listen a while. When I said that they were going to pocket the salaries which we pay, I was referring to salaries which will be paid out of the taxes collected; I was saying that they were going to pocket pension money which should be given to the elderly and which the investigators will receive. That is what I meant.

The hon. member should read *Hansard* and listen carefully.

[English]

Mr. Starr: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman; in view of the fact municipal elections are being held today and in order to afford an opportunity for the staff of the House of Commons to vote, I suggest, if there is agreement, that the committee rise and report progress.

Mr. Patterson: Mr. Chairman, I believe there is agreement, as stated, but I would like to call it five o'clock.

Progress reported.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. McLraith: Mr. Speaker, there was a request earlier in the day that the house suspend its sittings from five until seven o'clock, and that is agreeable to the government.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it agreed that the house suspend its sitting from five until seven o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It may be a convenience to members in all parties if I were to advise them now that there are no questions on the adjournment motion this evening.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the house agree to resume the committee stage and then suspend?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

**OLD AGE SECURITY
ACT AMENDMENT****PROVISION OF GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT AND DETERMINATION OF
PENSIONERS' INCOMES**

The house resumed consideration in committee of the following resolution—Mr. MacEachen—Mr. Batten in the chair:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Old Age Security Act, effective with respect to months beginning with January, 1967, to provide for the payment out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and for the charging to the Old Age Security Fund under that act of a monthly amount, to be known as the guaranteed income supplement, to certain pensioners thereunder up to a maximum of forty per cent of the amount of the pension payable under that act; to provide for the determination of the income of a pensioner for the purposes of such supplement and for appeals by pensioners against decisions or determinations made under that act; and to provide for other related and consequential matters.