

No. 2,647—*Mr. Stevens*

1. For each year, from 1960 to 1968, how many persons were on the staff of the External Aid Office?

2. For each year, from 1968 to 1973, how many persons were or are on the staff of the Canadian International Development Agency?

3. For each fiscal year, from 1960-61 to 1971-72, what were the total expenditures of the External Aid Office or the Canadian International Development Agency (as applicable) on the administration of its aid, and what is the breakdown of these year by year totals into categories of (a) staff salaries (b) overhead expenditures relating to CIDA space in the Jackson Building (c) overhead expenditures relating to space rented for CIDA overseas operations (d) office equipment (e) building renovation expenditures?—Sessional Paper No. 291-2/2,647.

Mr. Reid, Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council, presented,—Returns to the foregoing Orders.

The Order being read for the consideration of the report stage of Bill C-190, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

Motion numbered (1) standing in the name of the honourable Member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner) having been called, as follows:

That Bill C-190, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan, be amended in Clause 1 by deleting lines 13 to 28 inclusive at page 2 and substituting the following:

“is a Canadian citizen and able to prove that he has sufficient insurance or annuities equal to Canada Pension Plan payments.”

Motion numbered (2) standing in the name of the honourable Member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner) having been called, as follows:

That Bill C-190, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan, be amended in Clause 1 by deleting lines 40 to 42 inclusive at page 2 and lines 1 to 8 inclusive at page 3 and substituting the following:

“(6) The Minister shall certify an individual or group of people for the purposes of this Section where

(a) he is satisfied

(i) that the individual or group of people are under group insurance or an annuity plan that provides for payments in the event of death, disability, old age”.

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: I do not want to be unfair to the honourable Member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner), but having given the matter serious thought before suggesting at this time that I had some reservations procedurally in relation to these two amendments, I am sure the honourable Member will appreciate I would not have made this suggestion unless I had felt we should take another very close look at them.

I think the point made by the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Lalonde) is worth considering. I have looked at motions numbered (1) and (2) and to me they appear to be defective in that they purport to substitute a financial qualification in lieu of a requirement of a religious nature, as set out in the bill and passed on second reading. It seems to me that the amendments proposed by the honourable Member go beyond the scope of the clause under consideration. I think they are a new proposition.

I think there is merit in the comment of the Minister that this proposal is so different that perhaps it should be brought forward in an entirely new legislative measure. I think the House would expect the Chair to look at a matter such as this as subjectively as possible, which is what I have done, and I cannot see how procedurally I can accept the motions and put them to the House.

Mr. Horner (Crowfoot), seconded by Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West), moved,—That Bill C-190, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan, be amended in Clause 1 by deleting the words “general level” in line 13 at page 3 and substituting therefor the words:

“Canadian standard”.

After debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, pursuant to section 11 of Standing Order 75, a recorded division was deferred.

Mr. Horner (Crowfoot), seconded by Mr. Schumacher, moved,—That Bill C-190, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan, be amended in Clause 1 by deleting lines 20 to 22 inclusive at page 3.

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

Motion numbered (5), standing in the name of the honourable Member for Palliser (Mr. Schumacher) having been called, as follows:

That Bill C-190, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan, be amended in Clause 1 by adding immediately after line 22 at page 3 the following:

“(7) The spouse of a contributor may elect to contribute pursuant to this section on the basis of the spouse's own earned income or that of the other spouse, whichever is greater.”