

Canada Pension Plan

The Chairman: The clauses allowed to stand at this point are: 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 26, 43, 44, 46, 48, 49, 56, 57, 58, 69, 71, 77, 78, 79 and 91.

Mr. Knowles: Thank you.

The Chairman: The committee rose on clause 98.

At six o'clock the committee took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The committee resumed at 8 p.m.

The Deputy Chairman: When the committee rose at six o'clock, clause 98 was under consideration. Shall clause 98 carry?

Mr. Benson: Before we proceed with clause 98 there are two things I should like to say. First, in my explanation this afternoon of the number of copies of magnetic tapes which are floating around I made an error or two which will be corrected tomorrow. However, I can assure the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich we shall have ample records and that no one need worry about losing his pension record in Canada.

My second point really concerns the business of the committee. The official opposition has indicated that it has six substantive amendments together with a number of consequential amendments. During the dinner hour I consulted with the hon. member for Perth, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, the hon. member for Red Deer and the hon. member for Villeneuve. The government is willing to agree that once we have moved through the first three parts of the bill and have come to part IV we shall go back and deal with the bill clause by clause, that is, with those clauses which have been stood, and move the government amendments on the understanding that if the substantive amendments to be moved by the official opposition and by the other parties later on should carry, we would be ready to re-open the clauses which had been passed in order to deal with consequential amendments which might arise out of those substantive amendments. In this way we might avoid dealing with a great many amendments which might not really be pertinent if the subsequent substantive amendments were to be defeated.

Mr. Thompson: Did I understand the minister to say that this would be done at the end of part III, before consideration was given to part IV?

[Mr. Knowles.]

Mr. Benson: Yes, that is the understanding. The agreement originally was that we would move part III and deal with all the points to the end of part III, and then deal with the resolution which is a necessary precedent to dealing with part IV.

Mr. Chatterton: But we will not discuss the resolution, now, until we have dealt with parts I to III including all the amendments?

Mr. Benson: Yes, that is the understanding. We would do that; then we would deal with the resolution preceding part IV and at the end of part IV we would revert to clause 1 which would have to be dealt with at that time. That would be the end of the bill.

The Deputy Chairman: Does the committee agree to the procedure suggested by the Minister of National Revenue?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Clause agreed to.

On clause 99—*Entry in record of earnings presumed to be accurate.*

Mr. Monteith: Would the minister care to tell us the effects of the amendment to clause 99? I am sorry, but I do not have my report of the committee's proceedings.

Mr. Benson: This is in the report, schedule D, and relates to entries in the record of earnings. Clause 99(1) states that any entry in the record of earnings relating to a contribution shall be presumed to be accurate after four years have elapsed from the end of the year to which the entry relates. However, since the information required to be shown in the record of earnings also includes information relating to the earnings of a contributor, it is considered desirable that section 99(1) should be extended to refer expressly to entries relating to earnings.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 100, 101 and 102 agreed to.

On clause 103—*Agreement respecting assignment of social insurance numbers.*

Mr. Chatterton: I think this clause provides for the making of an agreement between the federal government and any province opting out as far as social insurance numbers are concerned. I presume this merely gives power to enter into any such agreement, the agreement to follow the present bill becoming statutory and a similar bill becoming statutory in the provincial legislature. I take it there is an understanding with,