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EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION

LABOUR ADJUSTMENT AID PACKAGE—STATUS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND AND NEW BRUNSWICK

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I have a delayed answer in response to a question asked in the Senate on January 23, 1990, by the Honourable Senator Bonnell respecting Employment and Immigration—Labour Adjustment Aid Package—Status of Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick.

(The answer follows:)

The documentation was sent directly to the Honourable Senator.

NATIONAL PAROLE BOARD

APPOINTMENT OF MR. JACK CENNON—REQUEST FOR RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I have a delayed answer in response to a question asked in the Senate on November 29, 1989, by the Honourable Senator Hastings respecting National Parole Board—Appointment of Mr. Jack Cennon—Request for Relevant Qualifications.

(The answer follows:)

The information was sent directly to the Honourable Senator.

ANSWER TO ORDER PAPER QUESTION

VETERANS AFFAIRS

WAR VETERANS ALLOWANCES ACT—BREAKDOWN OF FINANCIAL BENEFITS FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Question No. 29 on the Order Paper—By **Hon. Jack Marshall:**

23rd January, 1990—Arising out of the answer to Question No. 26, on December 8, 1989, concerning financial benefits under the War Veterans Allowances Act for dependent children and the amount allocated in the past ten years, what is the breakdown for each year?

Reply by the Minister of Veterans Affairs:

The break down for each year of the past 10 years concerning financial benefits under the WVA Act for dependent children is as follows:

Number Year	Amount Children	Allocated (\$ 000)
1980-81	19,581	15.5
1981-82	17,948	15.2
1982-83	17,842	14.4
1983-84	12,571	13.2

[Senator Doody.]

1984-85	11,117	12.0
1985-86	9,511	11.0
1986-87	8,258	9.9
1987-88	6,851	8.7
1988-89	5,488	7.3
**1989-90	4,500	5.6

**NOTE—The 1989-90 figures are estimates based on 10 months of actual data.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION ACT

BILL TO AMEND—REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE—DEBATE CONTINUED

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Hébert, seconded by the Honourable Senator Thériault, for the adoption of the Third and Final Report of the Special Committee of the Senate on the Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act and the Employment and Immigration Department and Commission Act, (with ten amendments), presented in the Senate on 14th February, 1990.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I am aware that we are now dealing with eight amendments rather than the ten amendments referred to in the Orders of the Day. That means, of course, that amendments Nos. 9 and 10 are not before the Senate at the present time. Those were the amendments which dealt with the duration of benefits and entrance requirements contained in the tables that are in the appendix of the report and listed as amendments Nos. 9 and 10.

We accept the ruling of the Chair.

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The logic of the procedural argument, of course, was clear: if any of the proposed amendments exceeded the existing expenditures under the Unemployment Insurance Act, such an amendment would require a royal recommendation. His Honour has found that in all probability, and based upon elusive assumptions that always affect economic reasoning, the expenditures proposed in the amendments would probably be above current expenditures. We have no quarrel with that finding. Indeed, we have no capacity to controvert it, even if we wanted to.

However, the remaining amendments are still quite important. Amendment No. 7, which has to do with government contributions, is a key amendment, if not the key amendment, is contained in the report of the Special Committee on Bill C-21.

The report of that committee emphasizes very clearly the unanimity, virtually, of the witnesses who came before the