

Unemployment Insurance Act

information which was not available at that moment but which the department, through capable co-operation, put in my hands within a day or so. I asked for information respecting the provincial government employees and the categories insured against unemployment. I realize, of course, that this group depends to a large degree upon legislation or requests from the provincial government in respect of their being covered. This information is not included in the minutes of proceedings of the industrial relations committee. It is a brief consisting of only two pages. I could read it to you but, because of the desirability of curtailing discussion, it might be preferable if I were to ask to have this information tabled at this time and entered on *Hansard* along with my speech. If I could have permission to have that done, I should be most happy. I shall give a brief summary of it if it is desired.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Chairman, I hate to be objectionable or to be an objecting person but I think the hon. member is asking for something that goes beyond our practice. It is the general practice to permit members to place tables of figures on the record, especially when their source is a satisfactory one; but it is not usually our practice to put briefs or arguments on the record. I do not think we should adopt such a practice.

An hon. Member: That is the United States practice.

The Deputy Chairman: If it is up to me to express an opinion, I would say this. I think the point raised by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre is very well taken. He has dealt with what has been the practice in this house ever since I came to it. I would point out to the hon. member who has the floor that he has considerable time in committee to explain, and therefore get on record, the points he is endeavouring to make, but the practice of the house has not been to include in *Hansard* other than official tables, usually with some official source behind them. Therefore I consider I am right in assuming that the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre objects and without unanimous consent permission to print cannot be given.

Mr. Hahn: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is not my desire to break a precedent and therefore I shall read what was submitted to me by the officers of the unemployment insurance branch. It is headed, "Provincial Government Employees, Categories Insured Against Unemployment", and reads:

Employment by the government of any province under a contract of service or apprenticeship is insurable if the province gives its concurrence (paragraph (b) (ii) of Part I of the schedule to the Unemployment Insurance Act.)

All provinces except Quebec have concurred in the insuring of certain categories of employees, as shown in the summary below.

Alberta.

Casual and seasonal employees who come into the employ of the province from previous insurable employment except

- (a) drivers of privately-owned trucks;
- (b) permanent employees who are under the public service pension act;
- (c) students;
- (d) part-time watchmen or janitors.

Hon. members will please note that these are the particular exceptions. In this instance we have part-time watchmen or janitors, students, permanent employees under the public service pension act and, of course, drivers of privately owned trucks, all of whom are not covered. I continue:

British Columbia.

Temporary, casual and part-time employees except

- (a) students;
- (b) employees on a probationary basis and who are not in possession of an insurance book;—

You will find quite constant repetition in respect of those who can be covered. Those who have been insured in the past and have accepted a position with the provincial government on a temporary basis are covered.

- (c) temporary, casual or part-time employees whose principal source of income is derived from non-insurable employment;
- (d) part-time cleaners or janitors.

Manitoba.

Insurable categories:

- (a) time certificate employees (other than established or provisional employees) who present insurance books or request coverage—

That is a different way of arriving at a decision as to who should be covered by insurance.

—except drivers of privately-owned trucks, teams or other equipment rented by the government;

- (b) temporary employees of the Manitoba telephone system or Manitoba power commission who present insurance books.

We have the same necessity again. They must present insurance books.

New Brunswick.

Public works department—temporary employees who present insurance books;

Department of agriculture, engineering branch—employees not under the civil service act.

Here we have a new class who are covered, those in the engineering branch of the department of agriculture.

Electric power commission—all employees.

Newfoundland.

Specified categories of clerical and maintenance staff and tradesmen who are not established civil servants in the following departments: public works, economic development, health, public welfare, national resources, education, fisheries and co-operatives, supply, provincial affairs, liquor control board, labour.

Nova Scotia.

Employees not under the civil service act who present insurance books in the following depart-