

The CHAIRMAN: Isn't there a memorandum of qualifications?

Mr. HEREFORD: Yes, we have that.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you like to have that filed with the committee? There is a memorandum on the conditions to which these applications must conform. Perhaps we should have that on our record.

Senator HAIG: Guidelines.

Senator POULIOT: But there are certain principles which are established?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Senator RATTENBURY: Am I correct in assuming that municipal employees ordinarily employed during the winter are not applicable to this legislation? In other words, it is the unemployed?

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: Yes.

Senator RATTENBURY: It is the unemployed that must be employed?

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: Yes.

Senator RATTENBURY: And no permanent municipal employee can be employed?

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: If some permanent employees are transferred to the program because they are needed, say, a foreman or something like that, a skilled labourer, they are supposed to employ unemployed workers to replace them. It is provided that they can transfer them.

Senator RATTENBURY: Wasn't there some controversy in the newspapers a short while ago about that?

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: Yes.

Senator THORVALDSON: May I ask what authority supervises that problem, namely, the problem whether the municipalities are using people who are definitely unemployed and consequently legitimately come within the program, or whether they are people who would be employed in any event. Who supervises that condition?

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: It is supposed to be supervised by the province. The whole administration of the plan is under the provincial authorities.

Senator BROOKS: Do they recruit from unemployment insurance offices in the different districts?

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: They are supposed to go through the N.E.S.

The CHAIRMAN: The National Employment Service.

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: But it was mentioned in the Auditor General's report that in many cases this is not done. Sometimes it is not justified, and they should have done it. But on other occasions it is inevitable. For example, if there is a collective agreement and they have to call back designated employees in the agreement they cannot go through the N.E.S.

Senator ROEBUCK: Is there any minimum allowed which the municipality or the province is expected to contribute?

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: Well, necessarily, if the participation of the federal Government is 50 per cent and the participation of the province is 25 per cent, then of course they will have to pay 25 per cent.

Mr. DYMOND: There is no requirement.

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: There is no requirement.

Senator ROEBUCK: If there are provincial governments which do not contribute, they have no interest in this.

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: I do not see their interest, except they are part of the community.

Senator CROLL: They all pay 25 per cent.