

way out for a Member to attempt to retaliate for this kind of language used in public.

Therefore, I say that the honourable Member for Athabasca has, as other Members have in the past, raised a question of very legitimate and serious concern. It arises, I might also say in passing, whenever Members of the House get into the unfortunate habit or practice of departing from the subject-matter of debate at the moment and get into personal references about Members, of any sort. It occasionally happens in the heat of debate, and we all experience that. I think we all learn the lesson that when this happens the reason it has been traditionally ruled a disorder, when it does occur, is for the simple reason that it is never really truly relevant to the subject-matter under debate. If honourable Members can bring themselves to refrain from the practice of departing from the subject-matter of debate and getting on to either the qualifications, personal or otherwise, of Members or their own personal record or performance, certainly a good deal of this difficulty could be avoided.

However, I do say to the honourable Member for Athabasca and the honourable Member for Lambton-Kent, and others who did participate in this, that it did raise problems that are not isolated and that are very serious. I think I have made my feelings clear about some of the aspects of the problems that are before us. I do want to assure honourable Members that in launching into the work, largely, as I say, at the initiation of the honourable Member for Peace River, on the study here in this Parliament, over which I will preside, of the rights and immunities of Members of the House of Commons, not only will the work of the select committee in the United Kingdom form a very important working paper for us, but this experience will certainly be given very careful consideration in the deliberations and work of that committee in the hope that we can expose some clear guidelines for the protection of honourable Members in situations of this sort, and a clearer understanding of privilege as it relates to these kinds of situations.

Mr. Robinson, from the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs, presented the Eleventh Report of the Committee, which is as follows:

In accordance with its Order of Reference of Thursday, March 18, 1976, your Committee has considered Bill C-68, An Act to amend the Medical Care Act, and has agreed to report it with the following amendments:

Clause 1

Strike out lines 29 to 32 on page 1 and lines 1 to 15 on page 2 and substitute the following therefor:

"(b) 110 1/2% of the amount determined pursuant to subsection (2.1) in respect of the year ending on March 31, 1977."

Strike out lines 27 to 46 on page 2 and lines 1 to 3 on page 3 and substitute the following therefor:

"(b) such amount, if any, as is determined in a manner prescribed by order of the Governor in Council for insured services in respect of the year for which the determination is to be made."

Strike out lines 7 to 44 on page 3 and substitute the following therefor:

"(5) This section does not apply to the determination of the amount payable by Canada to a province for a year in respect of new insured services furnished pursuant to the medical care insurance plan of the province and in this section the expression "insured services" does not include new insured services.

(6) For the purposes of subsection (5) and section 5.1, "new insured services" means health services prescribed after June 23, 1975 by the Minister pursuant to subsection 4(3) and "class of new insured services" means all those new insured services so prescribed by the Minister in a particular order made by him pursuant to that subsection."

New Clause 2

Add immediately after Clause 1 on page 3, the following:

2. The said Act is further amended by adding thereto, immediately after section 5 thereof, the following section:

"5.1 (1) The amount of the contribution payable by Canada to a province for a year in respect of a class of new insured services of that province is an amount, as determined by the Minister on the basis of information furnished as required by this Act, equal to 50% of

(a) the per capita cost for the year of all new insured services of that class furnished pursuant to medical care insurance plans of participating provinces

multiplied by

(b) the average for the year of the number of insured persons in the province at the end of each month in the year.

(2) Subsections 5(2), (3) and (4) apply in determining the amount of the contribution payable by Canada to a province for a year in respect of a class of new insured services of that province as if the references in those subsections to "insured services" were references to "new insured services" of that particular class.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection 5(2) as it applies in determining the per capita cost for a year of all new insured services of a particular class furnished pursuant to medical care insurance plans of participating provinces, subject to subsection (4), the per capita cost thereof for

(a) the year ending on the 31st of March that is more than thirty-six and not more than forty-eight months after the effective date of the order prescribing the new insured services comprising the class of new insured services, and

(b) each year thereafter,

is an amount equal to the lesser of

(c) the amount so determined pursuant to subsection 5(2) in respect of the year for which the determination is to be made, and

(d) such amount, if any, as is determined in a manner prescribed by order of the Governor in Council for new insured services of the particular class in respect of the year for which the determination is to be made.

(4) Where the effective date of an order of the Governor in Council prescribing new insured services that comprise a class of new insured services is other than the 1st of April, the per capita cost of all new insured services of that class furnished pursuant to medical care insurance plans of participating provinces, for that portion of the year described in paragraph (3)(a) that is less than thirty-six months after the effective date of the order, shall be determined without regard to subsection (3)."

Your Committee has ordered a reprint of Bill C-68, as amended, for the use of the House of Commons at the report stage.

A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence relating to this Bill (*Issues Nos. 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 49 and 50*) is tabled.

(*The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the Report recorded as Appendix No. 165 to the Journals.*)