

Dr. DAVIDSON: The law authorizes us to do that.

Mr. CLARK: We are dealing at the provincial basis where there is a provincial law providing pensions for all the municipal employees. Currently we are dealing with such a board in the Province of Ontario, but negotiations are not complete.

Mr. WALKER: In the case of federal civil servants who are going to a particular area, has there been any attempt to get reciprocal agreements to accommodate them?

Dr. DAVIDSON: I think the consensus of our efforts to enlarge the coverage through reciprocal agreements will be centred very largely in the provinces which now or in the future enact their own portable pension legislation.

Mr. WALKER: Is the department able to take any initiative in connection with federal provincial conferences to have this type of thing on the agenda?

Mr. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, that has been done, yes, on more than one occasion.

Mr. LEOE: I wonder if any thought has been given to a repository for all these funds so that one cheque would get to the individual in the final analysis? Is it not possible that the various cheques could be dealt with through a computer system, or something of that kind?

Mr. CLARK: I might say that both the Ontario and the Quebec legislation, certainly, and the Alberta legislation as well, contemplates this possibility. It has been urged upon all the other provinces, too, at such time as they may bring in such legislation. Whether or not the federal legislation would go that far I do not know, it remains to be seen.

Dr. DAVIDSON: I think it should be pointed out that the provincial authority seems to go on the assumption that they, the provincial government, will have the fund under their direct control in their legislation. I am sorry, Mr. Clark wants to correct me.

Mr. CLARK: No. They did contemplate the possibility of a countrywide fund. It can go either way, but they do not exclude the countrywide approach.

Mr. KNOWLES: Have any other provinces to your knowledge approached this kind of legislation other than the three you have named?

Mr. CLARK: They have all been represented at a series of conferences which we attended as well, and it would be unfair for me to speak about their plans.

Mr. KNOWLES: I have one more question. Comments have been made about the extended coverage effected by the various bills we have had before us. Are we reaching the stage where everybody who works for the Government is under a pension plan?

Mr. CLARK: I understand there is one with a provision up to 10,000 new contributors.

Mr. KNOWLES: Which provision, and who are they?

Mr. CLARK: This is in clause 3(2), where prevailing rate and seasonal employees are brought in automatically after six months, in the case of a prevailing rate, or after a cumulative six months in the case of the seasonal