

Senator GROSART: I agree, but I am still asking you does it not say that this provides that certain contributions, payable pursuant to the Superannuation Act, shall be reduced, and then go on to define the extent?

Dr. DAVIDSON: Yes, I see your point.

Senator GROSART: It shall be reduced to a certain extent. And my point is that this does reduce the statutory requirement as to contributions under that one act. I am not arguing what the purpose is.

Dr. DAVIDSON: I know. The easy thing would be for me to say, "Yes, it does." But I honestly do not think it does, Senator Grosart.

Senator GROSART: Why does it ask for it in such specific words, then?

Dr. DAVIDSON: May I just begin again?

Senator GROSART: They ask us under Vote 24g to charge, which is one thing, and, secondly, to provide that contributions payable pursuant to the act of Parliament shall be reduced to a certain extent.

Dr. DAVIDSON: I have to say to you that the amendments that were made to the Public Service Superannuation Act by Parliament last spring did that.

Senator GROSART: Then why do they have to pass this vote to provide to do it again?

Dr. DAVIDSON: May I finish? They provide that the amount of the contribution to the Public Service Superannuation Fund would be 6.5 per cent in the case of a male and 5 per cent in the case of a female less the contribution that was made to the Canada Pension Plan or to the Quebec Pension Plan. Now that was done by the Public Service Superannuation Act amendments last year.

Respecting this one, you have got me at a disadvantage because I have not read it for so long, but this one is a technical change that accomplishes some other purpose which, I say to you quite honestly, I cannot explain to you at the moment. But if you want to call me back, I will figure it out for you and bring it back.

Senator GROSART: It is getting late and cold, Dr. Davidson. I will not pursue this any further.

Dr. DAVIDSON: May I settle this with you privately?

Senator GROSART: Yes. You understand my point is merely to try do understand the language in these \$1 votes?

Dr. DAVIDSON: I assure you I do, and it would be very easy for me to say that I think you are right, but I do not think that that is really the correct explanation. I will get it for you and bring it to your attention, however.

Senator GROSART: Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, you have dealt with all of them on page 26. On page 27 we have Veterans Affairs.

Dr. DAVIDSON: This is to add the names of the children in question to the authority that is contained in the War Dead Assistance Act to pay allowances to certain children of former veterans. There is some technical reason—which I must admit I have forgotten—why these children do not come under the coverage of the statute. It is considered that there is a special circumstance which justifies asking to have these children brought under the statute as though they were legally under it. This is the purpose of it.

Senator GROSART: It is probably what we might call a compassionate category.

Dr. DAVIDSON: It extends the existing legislation; it is an amendment to the legislation.

The CHAIRMAN: Page 28.