

PENSION BENEFITS STANDARDS ACT, 1985

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-90, an Act respecting Pensions Plans organized and administered for the benefit of persons employed in connection with certain federal works, undertakings and businesses, as reported (with amendments) from a legislative committee.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): There are 19 report stage motions on today's Notice Paper in amendment to Bill C-90, an Act respecting Pension Plans organized and administered for persons employed in connection with certain federal works, undertakings and businesses.

Motion Nos. 1 and 9 will be grouped for debate. As Motion No. 9 would make use of the Consumer Price Index as a measure for the adjustment of the values existing in the Pension Index, the definition of the Consumer Price Index contained in Motion No. 1 is consequential on Motion No. 9 being carried. Therefore, a vote on Motion No. 9 will apply to Motion No. 1.

Motion No. 2 will be debated separately and voted on separately. Motions Nos. 3 and 4 relate to part-time employees and will, therefore, be combined for debate. A vote on Motion No. 3 will apply to Motion No. 4.

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Motions Nos. 5 and 6 will be debated separately and voted on separately. Motion No. 7, in the opinion of the Chair, is consequential on Motion No. 12. As Motion No. 13 deals with the same clause of the Bill, all three motions will be combined for debate and voted on as follows: A vote on Motion No. 12 will apply to Motion No. 7. An affirmative vote on Motion No. 12 obviates the question being put on Motion No. 13. A negative vote on Motion No. 12 requires the question to be put on Motion No. 13.

Motions Nos. 8, 10, and 11 will be debated separately and voted on separately.

Motion No. 14, also in the name of the Hon. Member for Sudbury (Mr. Frith), has given the Chair some procedural difficulty in that it would affect the formula by which the pension benefit is determined and, as such, might increase the amount of contribution made by Crown agencies. As this is difficult to determine, the Hon. Member will be given the benefit of the doubt. Motion No. 14 will be debated separately and voted on separately.

Motions Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 will be debated separately and voted on separately. The House will begin debate on the first grouping, namely Motions Nos. 1 and 9.

Mr. McCrossan: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. In your ruling about the grouping of amendments you suggested grouping Motions Nos. 1 and 9. I believe there would be consent to group Motion No. 14 with them because Motions Nos. 1 and 14 form a package with regard to what the Hon. Member for Sudbury (Mr. Frith) is suggesting. Although you

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have suggested that Motion No. 14 be debated separately, I think there may be consent by the Hon. Member who moved the motion to include Motion No. 14 with Motions Nos. 1 and 9.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is there unanimous consent for that?

Mr. Frith: Mr. Speaker, I have no qualms about that suggestion made by the Hon. Member for York-Scarborough (Mr. McCrossan).

Mr. Young: It makes eminent sense to me also, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Therefore, we will group Motions Nos. 1, 9, and 14.

Hon. Douglas C. Frith (Sudbury) moved:

Motion No. 1

That Bill C-90, be amended in Clause 2 by adding immediately after line 22 at page 1 the following:

"“Consumer Price Index” means the Consumer Price Index for Canada, as published by Statistics Canada under the authority of the Statistics Act;”.

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches) moved:

Motion No. 9

That Bill C-90, be amended in Clause 21 by striking out line 13 at page 26 and substituting the following therefor:

“ance with section 19 and a Pension Index adjustment calculated in accordance with subsections (1.1) to (1.3).

(1.1) The Pension Index for any calendar year shall be calculated, in the prescribed manner, as the average for the twelve month period ending October 31 in the preceding year of the Consumer Price Index for each month in that twelve month period.

(1.2) For any year for which the calculation required by subsection (1.1) yields a Pension Index that is less than the Pension Index for the preceding year, the Pension Index shall be taken to be the Pension Index for the preceding year.

(1.3) Where at any time the Consumer Price Index is adjusted to reflect a new time basis or a new content basis with a resulting percentage adjustment being made in the figures for that Index, a corresponding percentage adjustment shall be made in all values existing in the Pension Index.”

Hon. Douglas C. Frith (Sudbury) moved:

Motion No. 14

That Bill C-90, be amended by adding immediately after line 5 at page 35 the following:

“26.1 (1) Where a pension benefit or a deferred pension benefit was payable after December 31, 1986, the whole or the portion of the benefit, as the case may be (in this section referred to as the “relevant amount of the benefit”), shall be adjusted in each calendar year, as of a prescribed day and in such manner as is prescribed, in accordance with subsection (2).

(2) The adjustment shall be such that the amount of the pension benefit or deferred pension benefit for the purposes of the plan on and after the prescribed day is an amount that is not less than the amount of the benefit for the purposes of the plan immediately before that day plus the lesser of,

(a) 60 per cent of the product obtained by multiplying:

(i) the relevant amount of the benefit by

(ii) the ratio that the Pension Index for the year bears to the Pension Index for the year immediately preceding that year; and

(b) 8 per cent of the relevant amount of the benefit.