Thomas
(Moncton),
Thompson
(Red Deer),

Tolmie, Trudeau, Trudel,

Turner (London East), Turner (Ottawa-Carleton), Wahn, Watson, Whelan, Whicher, Whiting, Woolliams, Yewchuk—187.

And the question being put on the main motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, the said bill was read the third time and passed.

Bill C-207, An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs, was again considered at the report stage.

Whereupon, the House resumed debate on the motion of Mr. Rynard, seconded by Mr. Baldwin,—That Bill C-207, An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act, be amended by striking out the words "eighty dollars" at line 3, page 2 and substituting the words "ninety dollars".

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker: When the House adjourned last night, a point of order had been raised in relation to motion numbered 5 standing in the name of the honourable Member for Simcoe North (Mr. Rynard). The suggestion had been made that this motion might be difficult to accept from a procedural standpoint. I have looked at the matter and, before making a ruling, I am prepared to hear argument in relation to the point which I made last night.

Mr. Speaker: If that is the disposition of the House, a ruling will be made formally. Referring honourable Members to citation 246 of Beauchesne's Fourth Edition, I have to conclude that the motion cannot be put.

Mr. Rynard, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, moved,—That Bill C-207, An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act, be amended by striking out the word "is" at lines 14 and 24, page 2 and substituting the words "shall not be less than".

After debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, it was negatived, on division.

Mr. Rynard, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, moved,—That Bill C-207, An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act, be amended by striking out (a) the words "sixty-seven dollars and twelve cents" at lines 12 and 13 and at lines 23 and 24, page 4 and substituting the words "seventy-two dollars and seventy cents"; and (b) the words "fifty-nine dollars and sixty-two cents" at lines 30 and 31, page 4 and substituting the words "sixty-five dollars and five cents".

And debate arising thereon;

RULING BY MR. ACTING SPEAKER

Mr. Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Before I render a decision on motion numbered 7 put forward by the honourable Member for Simcoe North (Mr. Rynard) perhaps I should give notice of the first impression of the Chair regarding the acceptability of this motion. In my opinion it would require additional expenditure on the part of the Crown, and on this basis I would have difficulty in accepting the motion. If honourable Members have opinions on the acceptability of that motion I would like to hear them. Otherwise I will make a decision at this time.

Mr. Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Possibly at this time I should express my regret to the honourable Member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin) for not calling him back to order. The Chair has been trying to follow his argument, at the same time looking at the clause itself. I do not think I succeeded in finding any connection that would change the decision of the Chair. After what has been said by the honourable Member for Peace River at the end of his remarks on motion numbered 7, again the Chair can only repeat that this amendment would result in increased payments from public funds.

If honourable Members refer once more to Beauchesne, citation 246, they will see arguments there that are quite eloquent as to the non-acceptability of such an amendment at this time.

On motion of Mr. Munro, seconded by Mr. Lang (Sas-katoon-Humboldt), the said bill was concurred in at the report stage.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Munro, seconded by Mr. Lang (Saskatoon-Humboldt), moved,—That the said bill be now read a third time and do pass.

And debate arising thereon;

Mr. Rynard, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, proposed to move in amendment thereto,—That all the words after "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"Bill C-207, An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act, be referred back to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs with an instruction to consider the advisability of inserting therein the following clause:

(1) The Governor in Council may, by order, increase the Old Age Security pension so as to reflect the full increase in the Consumer Price Index since the 1st January 1967 to date with adjustments to the Guaranteed Income Supplement.

(2) No order may be made under subsection (1) until the proposed text of the order has been laid before the House of Commons by a member of the Queen's