

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

As hon. members know, the Canada Pension Plan provides for a death benefit equal to six times the monthly retirement pension of the deceased contributor. As the plan comes into full operation, more and more people will be covered for death benefits under this provision.

It should be remembered as well that the Canada Assistance Plan—which was recently approved by this parliament—makes provision for supplementary payments to needy

pensioners. These provisions can include such things as funeral expenses.

The Canada Assistance Plan of course is a provincially administered program in which the government of Canada reimburses the provinces for half the cost of various payments made to persons in need. This would apply to any expenses relating to the death of a pensioner who is eligible for benefits under the plan.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10.17 p.m.

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