

hon. gentleman is asking for a list of those individuals who were in the Public Service of Newfoundland and who transferred to the service of Canada, which involves only about 150 in number, then if it would help him to have such a list I will see if this can be provided although I am not quite sure how it would help him to have the names of those people. If the representations are of a general nature, he could make the appropriate representations on their behalf without knowing their names. If the representations are of a particular nature relating to an individual's circumstances, then obviously he must know the name and the individual's particular circumstances. I suggest it would be wrong for the government to divulge from its records, on a gratuitous basis, the particular financial circumstances of someone in the public service.

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Chairman, the minister is certainly misrepresenting my request. I am not looking for the financial status of the individual. I am not looking for information concerning his income or how much pension he has accumulated. I am sure the minister understands what I am trying to say. Let us assume there are 150, 300 or 350 people who are in a position where they could buy back their time previous to 1949 on some sort of a federal or provincial pension basis. Is the Treasury Board going to make all these people aware of their position, which is not part of the government's philosophy at the moment? For instance, is John Doe to be told that he went to work in 1943 and that the new scheme permits him for X number of dollars from him and for X number of dollars from the federal treasury and X number of dollars from the provincial treasury to buy back those years which will give him a pension of such and such?

Does the President of the Treasury Board intend to do this? This is the information I request. I want to make sure that all the people affected will be made aware of their rights. I want to know whether a person has the right to buy back his time and how many years he can buy back. I am not interested in how much he owes IAC or how much he will receive from the treasury if he should retire in a year or so.

The Deputy Chairman: Is the committee ready for the question?

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Chairman, is this information available?

The Deputy Chairman: Does the hon. member wish the floor again?

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Chairman, having now clarified the type of information I am looking for, which involves the pensionable status and the number of years these people can buy back in the event they can buy back their time, I am asking whether this information can be made available to the federal representatives of the people of the province.

Mr. Drury: Mr. Chairman, I think perhaps the easiest thing is for me to have a private discussion with the hon.

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member. What he wants is a list of names of people and also their pension status. I suggest that this is private information. Perhaps we can come to some kind of agreement as to what the government can properly provide to him without at the same time violating the privacy of those in the public service of Canada.

• (5:30 p.m.)

The Deputy Chairman: Order, please. The question is on the amendment, moved by the President of the Treasury Board, to clause 27. Does the committee wish me to read the amendment again?

Some hon. Members: Dispense.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Chairman, I suggest that you read it, because it is an important amendment. We have had a good deal of discussion since it was moved, and I think people who read *Hansard* would like to know what we are voting on.

The Deputy Chairman: Then I have pleasure in reading it again. Moved by the President of the Treasury Board:

That Bill C-207 be amended by striking out line 10 on page 12 and substituting the following:

"force of this section."

Shall the amendment carry?

Some hon. Members: Carried.

Amendment (Mr. Drury) agreed to.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall clause 27 as amended carry?

Some hon. members: Carried.

Clause 27 as amended agreed to.

The Deputy Chairman: Is it the wish of the committee that we revert to clause 2 before discussing schedule A and schedule B? The Chair feels that it would be proper to return to clause 2.

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Deputy Chairman: On February 16 when the committee was studying clause 2 an amendment was proposed by the hon. member for St. John's East. The Chair feels that the amendment should be read at this time for the benefit of hon. members. It was as follows:

That clause 2 of Bill C-207 be amended by striking out the words "Department of the Environment" where they first appear, immediately after clause 1 on page 1 thereof, and substituting therefor the words "Department of Fisheries and the Environment".

Mr. Drury: Mr. Chairman, in accordance with the discussions leading up to the order of the House to which I referred earlier, the government gave an undertaking to provide an amendment to give effect to the representations made by the hon. member for St. John's East, supported by others, which resulted in this amendment to clause 2.