

## Unemployment Assistance

And then later:

(iv) a charitable organization; except that there may be included—

And further down:

—provided further that said inmates are not such as would normally be cared for in general, acute, chronic or convalescent hospitals.

Both in the bill and in the agreement it specifically sets out chronic cases as being ineligible, whereas the minister told the hon. member for Comox-Alberni that such people would be taken care of under this bill.

**Mr. Martin:** I said they would be taken care of under the hospital insurance proposal. When the hospital insurance proposal was announced there was some question as to whether it included chronic and convalescent patients as opposed to acute patients, and I pointed out at the time that it was intended to cover chronic as well as acute cases. I was referring to the hospital insurance act of British Columbia and to the proposal made by the federal government for hospital insurance. I was not referring to chronic cases under this bill; I was referring to the chronic cases under the hospital insurance provisions of a particular province.

**Mrs. Fairclough:** Chronic cases are not taken care of under this legislation?

**Mr. Martin:** Chronic hospital cases are covered by the act dealing with hospitals, but this legislation does not deal with hospital cases in a nursing home or who may be having special care. There may be the special case of an individual who is chronically ill and who is transferred to a proper institution. There are some borderline cases like that, but this bill is not intended to cover people who are in convalescent or chronic care hospitals. I think the best example would be St. Mary's hospital in London which is one of the outstanding and more recently constructed chronic hospitals. This act does not cover people in that institution. That is a hospital under the hospital act of Ontario and would be covered under the hospital insurance proposal that we have in mind.

**Mrs. Fairclough:** Yet the care of these people in these hospitals is undertaken by the provinces.

**Mr. Martin:** Not necessarily; not in the hospital I am thinking of. If there are indigent patients they are taken care of in Ontario by the municipality with assistance by the province, but that is assistance given for medical care. This is assistance given for welfare generally and not for medical care.

[Mrs. Fairclough.]

**Mrs. Fairclough:** Does the minister then mean that in the costs that are tabulated by the provinces under section 6 of the agreement, those costs which relate to medical or hospital costs, if they are assumed by the municipality or provinces as the case may be, will not be included?

**Mr. Martin:** That is right.

**Mrs. Fairclough:** Under provincial care for these people—

**Mr. Martin:** If my hon. friend will look at 4 (2) (d) of the bill, it says, "Payments made in respect of medical" and so on. They are excluded.

**Mrs. Fairclough:** That is what I wondered. I point out to the minister that under care which is given to persons who applied to municipalities for assistance there is included, as there is in the case of persons under blindness assistance, old age pensioners and so on, certain medical and hospital assistance. These charges are borne jointly by the municipalities and the provinces.

**Mr. Martin:** In some cases.

**Mrs. Fairclough:** In some cases, yes, but even in some—

**Mr. Martin:** I mean, in some provinces.

**Mrs. Fairclough:** Does the minister tell me that in calculating the cost of assistance under clause 6 of the agreement it is going to be necessary for the province to exclude therefrom any medical costs?

**Mr. Martin:** They are not included.

**Mrs. Fairclough:** Your 50 per cent is dwindling rapidly. By the time you cross out all the things you are now excluding, I do not wonder that Ontario and Quebec do not want to get into the agreement. They may just as well stay where they are. You start out with a basis of .45 per cent, and you admit yourself that none of the provinces actually come up to that basic .45 per cent.

**Mr. Martin:** I did not say that.

**Mrs. Fairclough:** Yes, you said that before dinner.

**Mr. Martin:** No.

**Mrs. Fairclough:** If you will consult *Hansard* you will see that you said this afternoon before dinner that the figure of .45 per cent was higher than had actually been established by any province as its basis for welfare assistance.

**Mr. Martin:** If I said that I certainly did not mean to convey that impression. I can assure my hon. friend that is not the case.