

The Special Committee on Veterans Affairs begs leave to present the following as a

FOURTH REPORT

Your Committee has considered Bill No. 339, *An Act to amend the Pension Act*, and has agreed to report same with amendments.

With respect to Clauses 10, 11, 12 and 18, as certain amendments contemplated therein would, to meet the views of the Committee, result in an increased charge upon the public, your Committee feels that it has no option, under the Rules of the House, but to report these Clauses without amendment. The Committee would, however, recommend that the Government consider the advisability of substituting the words and figures "1st day of May, 1954" for the words and figures "1st day of January, 1954" where they appear in the said Clauses.

With respect to clauses 8 and 13 your Committee has agreed to the deletion of the provisions contained therein. However, other amendments contemplated thereto would, to meet the unanimous views of the Committee, also result in an increased charge upon the public. Therefore, in obedience to the Rules of the House your Committee here also feels it has no option but to delete the said clauses. The Committee would, however, recommend that the Government consider the advisability of amending subsection (3) of section 31 and subsection (3) of section 42 of the Pension Act by striking out the words "in respect of service during World War II" where they appear in the said subsection.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Chairman.