

Government Orders

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An hon. member: On division.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Negatived on division.

Amendment to the amendment negatived.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The next question is on the amendment.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the amendment?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those in favour of the amendment will please say yea.

Some hon. members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In my opinion, the nays have it.

Some hon. members: On division.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Negatived on division.

Amendment negatived.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The next question is on the motion.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Paproski in the chair.

On clause 1—

Mr. Merrithew: Mr. Chairman, I have a series of amendments I would like to table for the committee's consideration. I would ask at this time for unanimous consent that they be deemed moved by myself and seconded by the Minister of National Health and Wel-

fare. They will be considered disposed of later as we proceed in the clause by clause consideration of the bill.

In order to be of assistance, I made sure the opposition parties received copies of these amendments earlier.

I think it is only fair I ask that if any other members have amendments, they be tabled now or in the next few minutes so all of us in the committee have an opportunity to peruse them, to consider them and to make a decision on them.

Hopefully, I will be able to get this legislation which is so very important for our veterans through very shortly.

I have some of these amendments to move.

The Deputy Chairman: There are two motions in the package which would be out of order at the committee stage. They are the amendments to delete clauses 16 and 24. The way to accomplish this at the committee stage would be to vote against clauses 16 and 24. I will, therefore, deem the other 10 amendments to be moved by Mr. Merrithew, seconded by Mr. Beatty.

• (1640)

Mrs. Campbell (South West Nova): Mr. Chairman, my question is for the minister. It deals with the cut-off date for the Korean war, July 27, 1953. I wonder why that date was never extended and why the bill before us is not extended to cover those veterans who left Canada after that date.

I know one constituent who is offended by the cut-off date. I wonder if the minister could perhaps tell me how many veterans are affected? I realize there are fewer veterans still around who receive the veterans allowance. I am specifically dealing with the veterans allowance under this cut-off date because all other veterans have had all the other benefits except the veterans allowance from that date.

I would like to know how many veterans would have left after that date to go to Korea. I think it is well worth knowing in light of the crisis in the Gulf. We can pass an order retroactively but there is no order that the troops presently in the Gulf are in a theatre of war or in an aggressive theatre at this present time.

My first question really deals with that date and how many people have been affected. They were sent to Korea as of that date and therefore disallowed from war veterans allowance after they came back.