

PART II

Woods Committee recommendations which your Committee does not recommend for implementation:

Recommendation 9

That an individual who appears before one or more Commissioners for a personal hearing on matters of quantum, and his witnesses, if any, be paid the cost of transportation and be reimbursed for expenses in the same manner as applicants and witnesses appearing before the existing Appeal Boards of the Commission.

Recommendation 30

That first, second and renewal applications for entitlement be approved or rejected by an individual Commissioner acting in the capacity of an "Entitlement Officer", thus providing that such Commissioner be empowered to act for the Commission in the disposal of such application.

Recommendation 33

That first, second and renewal applications for an increase in the degree of assessment or for an increase in the degree of aggravation be adjudicated by one Commissioner.

Recommendation 44

The Woods Committee Recommendation 44 that the Bureau of Pensions Advocates be relieved of the necessity of providing information to the office of the Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Recommendation 74

That a compassionate pension under section 25 may be awarded in excess of the maximum assessment of 350% as provided in Recommendation 65(4).

Recommendation 82

That the Act be amended to provide that attendance allowance be paid to pensioners only if their need of attendance is conditional, wholly or in part, upon a pensionable disability.

Recommendation 88

The Table of Disabilities provides for automatic increases in pension of 10% upon reaching the ages of 55, 57 and 59 for those in receipt of pension at the rate of 50% or more in respect of amputation or disabilities due to or arising out of wounds or injuries, the result of direct action with the enemy. The Woods Committee recommended that these provisions should apply to all pensionable conditions arising from injuries or accidents, and that the existing 80% ceiling be removed to provide up to three increases to a maximum of 100%. The estimated annual cost of implementation of this recommendation was given as \$3,734,050.

The Veterans' Organizations suggested a modification, to provide up to three increases; these to be available only to the gunshot wound group and to amputations from injury or accident. The estimated cost was given as \$1,500,000 per annum when all eligible pensioners had reached the age of 59. The cost of implementation during the first year was estimated at \$500,000.