

PROPOSED ANNUAL RATES COMPARED TO THE RATES NOW SHOWN  
IN SCHEDULES "A" AND "B" OF THE PENSION ACT

100% Pension	Annual Rate Now Shown in Pension Act (Eff. 1 Apr 71)	Proposed Annual Rate	Increase in Amount	Percentage Increase
	\$	\$	\$	%
Pensioner.....	3,504.00	4,704.00	1,200.00	34.2
Wife.....	960.00	1,176.00	216.00	22.5
First Child.....	456.00	612.00	156.00	34.2
Second Child.....	336.00	446.40	110.40	32.9
Subsequent Children.....	264.00	352.80	88.80	33.6
Widow.....	2,640.00	3,528.00	888.00	33.6
*First Child or Orphan.....	912.00	1,224.00	312.00	34.2
*Second Child or Orphan.....	672.00	892.80	220.80	32.9
*Subsequent Children or Orphans.....	528.00	705.60	177.60	33.6
*Dependent Parent.....	1,800.00	2,352.00	552.00	30.7

PROPOSED ANNUAL RATES COMPARED TO THE RATES NOW BEING PAID

100% Pension	Annual Rate Now Being Paid (1973)	Proposed Annual Rate	Increase in Amount	Percentage Increase
	\$	\$	\$	%
Pensioner.....	3,793.44	4,704.00	910.56	24.0
Wife.....	1,039.32	1,176.00	136.68	13.2
First Child.....	493.68	612.00	118.32	24.0
Second Child.....	363.84	446.40	82.56	22.7
Subsequent Children.....	285.84	352.80	66.96	23.4
Widow.....	2,858.16	3,528.00	669.84	23.4
*First Child or Orphan.....	987.36	1,224.00	236.64	24.0
*Second Child or Orphan.....	727.44	892.80	165.36	22.7
*Subsequent Children or Orphans.....	571.56	705.60	134.04	23.4
*Dependent Parent.....	1,948.72	2,352.00	403.28	20.7

NOTE: \*Pensions awarded to parents or brothers and sisters may be less than these amounts.

**Hon. Mr. Phillips:** Did you prepare the table, Senator Carter, or did someone in the Department of Veterans Affairs prepare it?

**Hon. Mr. Carter:** The table was prepared, I believe, by the Pension Commission.

**Hon. Mr. Phillips:** I wanted to make that clear. I thought you said you had prepared it. Were that the case I would question its accuracy. If it was prepared by the department, I would not question it.

**Hon. Mr. Carter:** Honourable senators, Bill C-202 is a good bill. To realize how far we have come in improving veterans' disability pensions, we must remember that when the Pension Act was first introduced in 1919 the basic rate for a 100 per cent pension was \$720 per year, and if the pensioner was married he got \$180 extra. In 1920 this was increased to a basic rate of pension of \$900, plus another \$300 if married. By 1951 the basic rate had climbed

to \$1,500, plus \$540 if married. Between 1951 and 1971 there were nine increases, bringing the basic rate up to \$3,504, as reflected in the present act, plus \$960 if married.

The bill before us would bring the basic rate up to \$4,704 for the 100 per cent pensioner, plus an extra \$1,176 for his wife. In addition there is provided \$612 for the first child, \$446 for the second child, and \$352 for subsequent children.

As I pointed out earlier, increases in the rates for the wife and children did not always accompany increases in the basic rate for veterans. This has now been taken care of in the bill before us. Following the principle set out in the report of the joint study group on the basic rates of pensions, fixed percentages have been written into the schedules so that when there are future changes in the basic rate, the rate of those other categories will be automatically increased in the same proportion.