

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, June 14, 1951.

The Special Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 11 o'clock a.m., the Chairman, Mr. L. A. Mutch, presiding.

Members present: Messrs. Bennett, Blair, Brooks, Corry, Cruickshank, Dickey, George, Gillis, Goode, Harkness, Henderson, Herridge, Hosking, Jutras, Lennard, McWilliam, Mutch, Pearkes, Quelch, Roberge, Thomas, Weaver, White (*Hastings-Peterborough*).

In attendance: Mr. E. L. M. Burns, Deputy Minister, Mr. W. G. Gunn, K.C., Director, Legal Division, Mr. C. F. Black, Superintendent of Veterans Insurance, Department of Veterans Affairs; Mr. J. L. Melville, Chairman, Canadian Pension Commission; Mr. D. M. McRae, Supervisor, The Veterans' Business and Professional Loans Act, Department of Finance; Mr. T. D. Anderson, General Secretary, Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill No. 288, An Act to amend the Pension Act and change the Title thereof.

Examination of Messrs. Burns, Melville and Gunn was continued.

On motion of Mr. Goode, it was agreed that Clause 10 be amended by the deletion of all the words after the word therefor in the fourth line thereof and the substitution therefor of the following:

(b) Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph (a) of this subsection, when a woman has been divorced, legally separated or separated by agreement from a member of the forces who has died, and such woman is in a dependent condition, the Commission may, in its discretion, award such pension not exceeding the rates set out in Schedule B to this Act, as it seems fit in the circumstances, although such woman has not been awarded alimony or an alimentary allowance or is not entitled to an allowance under the terms of the separation agreement, if in the opinion of the Commission, she would have been entitled to an award of alimony or an alimentary allowance or an allowance had she made application therefor under due process of law.

Clause 10, as amended, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Goode, it was agreed that Clause 17 be amended by the insertion of the following words between the words *The Companies Act, 1934*, and as in the seventh line thereof:

or by the authority of any other
Act of the Parliament of Canada.

Clause 17, as amended, and the title were adopted.

The Bill, as amended, was adopted and the Chairman ordered to report it to the House.

The Committee proceeded to consideration of Bill No. 286, An Act to amend The Veterans' Business and Professional Loans Act.