

Prisoners of War Association, from the National Prisoners of War Associations, from the Royal Canadian Naval Association and the Royal Air Forces Escaping Society (Canadian Branch).

Testimony was also heard from the Officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Canadian Pension Commission.

Your Committee recommends: That the House give consideration to the following:

1) That a new Act of Parliament be enacted to provide compensation to all former prisoners of war.

The effect of this would be to retain the principle in the Pension Act that payment of wartime disability pension be restricted to those instances where the injury or disease or aggravation thereof was attributable to or incurred during military service, and that special compensation for the maltreatment, indignities and residual disabilities resulting from prisoner of war incarceration which cannot be recognized or identified would be payable under a separate Act.

2) That the formula for compensation payable to former prisoners of war of the Japanese be changed to provide that each such former prisoner of war will receive compensation equivalent to 50% pension to which will be added the amount of pension payable under the Pension Act on account of his assessed disability to a maximum total of 100%.

The effect of this would be to ensure that those who are the most seriously disabled will receive the greatest benefit. At the present time the least seriously disabled of the former prisoners of war of the Japanese derive the greatest benefit from the special provisions made for these former prisoners of war.

3) That prisoners of war of other powers of World War II or who were captured by hostile forces subsequent to World War II be awarded compensation in accordance with the following schedule:

Incarcerated 0-1½ years	—10%
Incarcerated 1½-2½ years	—15%
Incarcerated 2½ years or over	—20%

To this compensation would be added the amount of pension payable under the Pension Act on account of an assessed pensionable disability to a maximum total of 100%. Escapees and evaders should also be considered under this paragraph.

Your Committee also recommends to the House that consideration be given to amending the Pension Act to provide that a widow's pension be awarded on a sliding scale as follows:

When at the time of death of the prisoner he was, or would have been in receipt of a pension assessed at 47% or less, that pension be paid to the widow in double proportion to the assessed degree of the prisoner's disability as it relates to the basic pension granted to widows.

At the present time a full widow's pension is paid when the pensioner's death was attributable to or was incurred during wartime military service, or in the case of peacetime forces if it arose out of or was directly connected with service; or when the pensioner's disability was assessed at 48% or more at the time of death. The effect of this would be that because 100% widow's pension is payable when the disability pensioner was paid pension at the 50% rate, a double proportion would be payable if his disability was assessed at a lesser rate, so that, for example, the widow of a 40% pensioner would be awarded 80% of the normal widow's pension.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (*Issues Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17 and 19*) is tabled.

(*The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the Report recorded as Appendix No. 90 to the Journals*).

The Order being read for the consideration of the Business of Supply;

Pursuant to Standing Order 58, Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Oberle, moved,—That the House deplores the action of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in moving toward policies of a paternalistic and bureaucratic nature with respect to native people and specifically requests that a moratorium be placed on the implementation of recent guidelines issued by the Department until such time as full consultation has taken place with the native people.

After debate thereon, proceedings on the motion expired.

A Message was received from the Senate informing this House that the name of the Honourable Senator Prowse had been substituted for that of the Honourable Senator Thompson on the list of Senators serving on the Special Joint Committee on Immigration Policy.

A Message was received from the Senate informing this House that the names of the Honourable Senators Fournier (*Madawaska-Restigouche*) and Welch had been substituted for those of the Honourable Senators Beaubien and Macdonald on the list of Senators serving on the Standing Joint Committee on the Printing of Parliament.

(*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*)

At 10.00 o'clock p.m., the question "That this House do now adjourn" was deemed to have been proposed pursuant to Standing Order 40(1);

After debate the question was deemed to have been adopted.