

The CHAIRMAN: Does clause 5 carry?

Carried.

The CHAIRMAN: Now subclause (2), "Saving provision":

Mr. HARKNESS: What is the meaning of that? I do not understand just what the effect of that is.

Mr. GUNN: It is more or less a drafting provision to make sure that sub-clause (2) of clause 13, which as you know applies to the personnel serving within Canada, should not, under any circumstances, be made applicable to the special force, the people or the men who were recruited for the special force. That is the sole purpose, to make doubly sure that service of the special force members is covered and that the insurance principle would apply to those who were especially engaged in that service.

Mr. HARKNESS: And the effect of it would be that: suppose a man was in the special force; even although he is killed while on leave, his estate would still be entitled to his pension?

Mr. GUNN: That is right, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: I think you did not make it quite plain in your answer to Mr. Quelch, as I understood it, Mr. Gunn, that this Pension Act applies to a person enrolled for the purpose of serving with the special force, under the terms of such enrolment; so, if he enlisted for service in the special force, it applies to him, even though the disability occurred after the time limit set out in clause 2.

Mr. GUNN: That is so; that is another angle of it.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not think you made that plain when answering Mr. Quelch.

Mr. GUNN: Either before he left Canada for service elsewhere or after he came back.

The CHAIRMAN: That answers your question, Mr. Quelch.

Mr. QULECH: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Carried. Now, clause 6, sub-clause 1?

Carried.

Sub-clause 2 "Veteran"?

Carried.

Sub-clause 3 "persons qualified to participate"?

Carried.

Sub-clause 4 "persons not qualified to receive additional benefits"?

Carried.

Now we come to the Veterans Insurance Act. Clause 7, sub-clause 1, "Application of revised statute chapter 279".

Mr. HERRIDGE: Before we pass this section, would the deputy minister be good enough to inform the committee what percentage of veterans have applied to take advantage of this Act, with respect to Korean service as compared to world war 2?

The WITNESS: As I have already mentioned, only seven policies have been issued to veterans, and only one to a widow; so the percentage is very small. I am afraid I do not have with me the statistics of the number of policies issued as a result of world war 2, but according to my memory it is in the neighbourhood of 25,000, which is 25,000 on a million, which amounts to 2.5 per cent; Korean applications show a considerably smaller percentage.

Mr. GOODE: Did you say 7 out of 4,000?