

all you can do at the moment is move that clause 1 carry, and then the committee having asked for an explanation on clause 1, I would have to permit General Burns to give it.

Mr. BURNS: If they are satisfied, Mr. Chairman, I am satisfied.

Mr. GOODE: I do not want to drop a bombshell into this, but I did ask for an explanation of it. Perhaps some of the senior members know far more than we do, but we new members are trying to learn. I wish we could have this explanation.

Mr. HERRIDGE: I support Mr. Goode.

The CHAIRMAN: All right, we will hear the deputy.

Mr. BURNS: In general, the veteran had to repay the benefits he had received under the Veterans Land Act. Now, there is also proposed an additional amendment to what is here in the Bill, as printed, to simplify administration in one detail I would, if I may sir, suggest a further amendment as follows: that 1 (k) (ii) should read as follows: "having so elected, has either received no such benefits or has repaid to the director of the Veterans Land Act the amount of any benefits he has received under that Act as determined under section 10 of the War Service Grants Act 1944 in excess of his re-establishment credit". The purpose of that is that he does not have to pay all this money in cash, but that his re-establishment credit can be taken to pay off this amount, which is advantageous to the veteran in the few cases that have come up.

The CHAIRMAN: What are the additional words?

Mr. BURNS: I will hand them to you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Weaver moves in substitution of 1 (k) (ii) as follows: "having so elected has either received no such benefits or has repaid to The Director, The Veterans Land Act, the amount of any benefit he has received under that Act, as determined under section ten of The War Service Grants Act, 1944, in excess of his re-establishment credit". That is the only change, is it not?

Mr. BURNS: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the clause as amended carry?

Carried.

Mr. GOODE: Before that carries, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Sinclair, the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Finance, has forwarded a letter to me—I know we are not supposed to bring up individual cases, but I thought perhaps I could get some advice: Evidently a Mrs. Dorothy L. Harrison has brought up that question regarding re-establishment credits to the parents of chaps who died. I think that has been considered by this committee before. Could anyone tell me the final decision?

Mr. BURNS: It was not agreed to grant them.

The CHAIRMAN: It has no bearing on this particular bill.

Mr. GOODE: I hoped you would allow me to bring it up under the re-establishment credit. It has been considered and turned down?

Mr. BURNS: I do not know whether it was considered by the government.

Mr. GOODE: Well, Mr. Sinclair has turned this over to me.

The CHAIRMAN: Clause 2.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Before the clause carries, Mr. Chairman, could the witness give us some information? What I am interested in is what number or percentage of men borrow money for, say, lumbering, or farming, or small businesses? Is there any information along those lines, as to what businesses men borrow the money for?