

1. The Standing Committee recommends:

- i. that the Minister of National Health and Welfare adopt the principle of a temporary bridging benefit for survivors under the Canada Pension Plan outlined in the Consultation Paper;**
- ii. that the proposal on bridging benefits be modified so that the size of the bridging benefit, designed to assist survivors in re-entering the labour force, be brought more in line with retirement pension benefits, allowing a smaller supplementary amount over the level of pension earned had the contributor survived; and**
- iii. that survivors be afforded a choice between the bridging benefit or an actuarially-equivalent continuing benefit.**