

*Recovery of Overpayments. 1946, c. 75. 1930, c. 48.*

(4) The provisions of this Act and the regulations relating to the recovery of overpayments of allowances apply in respect of overpayments of allowances made under *The War Veterans' Allowance Act, 1946*, or *The War Veterans' Allowance Act*, chapter forty-eight of the statutes of 1930. *Repeal. 1946, c. 75 S. 25(6) Deemed in Force. 1946, c. 75.*

32. (1) *The War Veterans' Allowance Act, 1946*, is repealed

(2) Subsection six of section twenty-five of this Act shall be deemed to have been substituted for subsection seven of section three of *The War Veterans' Allowance Act, 1946*, on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

Gentlemen, there is an amendment which the department has for distribution. It will only take a moment to get it around to you. They are amending section 31, and this is the amended section 31 which is being submitted to the committee. The minister announced in the House that this legislation would be made retroactive to the 1st of January of this year to those persons who were in receipt of war veterans' allowance as of the 1st of January this year, and I am sure you will approve the purpose of the amendment, which is to extend a retroactive principle to those applicants for war veterans' allowance who have made application since the first of January of this year, but who have failed to get entitlement because they could not qualify under the then existing legislation, but who would have qualified if the new bill had been in force at that time. In other words, this is just an amendment which is designed to broaden the scope of those who might benefit under the retroactive principle. Is there anything further to add to it, Mr. Gunn?

Mr. GUNN: I do not think so

The CHAIRMAN: You have copies of the amendment. The change appears in section 2 which states as follows:

31. (2) Every person who, immediately prior to the coming into force of this Act, was in receipt of an allowance under *The War Veterans' Allowance Act, 1946*, may be paid an additional allowance equal to the amount that he would have been eligible to receive under this Act in respect of the period between the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and the coming into force of this Act, if this Act, except section four, had been in force during that period, less any amount that he was eligible to receive under *The War Veterans' Allowance Act, 1946* in respect of that period.

(3) Every person

(a) who was awarded an allowance under *The War Veterans' Allowance Act, 1946*, whose allowance was discontinued and was not being paid immediately prior to the coming into force of this Act, for the reason that the amount of his income rendered him ineligible for the allowance, or

(b) who, prior to the coming into force of this Act, applied for an allowance under *The War Veterans' Allowance Act, 1946*, but was not granted the allowance for the reason that the amount of his income rendered him ineligible for such an allowance, may apply for and be granted an allowance in respect of the period between the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and the coming into force of this Act equal to the amount that he would have been eligible to receive under this Act in respect of that period if this Act, except section four, had been in force during that period, less any amount that he was eligible to receive under *The War Veterans' Allowance Act, 1946* in respect of that period.