

would like to make it clear, in the circumstances outlined, that pension rates are based on the statute and not subject to change. Certain pensioners, however, if they have no other income may seek to have their pensions supplemented by WVA.

The hon. member gave notice of his concerns for people on war veterans allowance. I shall certainly be glad to bring his new ideas to the minister's attention. The hon. member should be congratulated on his concern for veterans.

The second part of the answer has to do with housing. I shall do my best to satisfy the hon. member. The question of adding to the veterans housing program a provision which would permit veterans, irrespective of their province or location within that province, to apply for assistance to rehabilitate their houses has already been brought to the minister's attention. I hope the hon. member will pardon me for going slowly. In a sense I am translating the document in front of me which is written in the first person.

The minister has stated that he will give the question his serious consideration. He would, however, like to add that in terms of priorities he believes he must delay consideration until such time as his recently announced program of

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special housing assistance for veterans is well established and he is certain that the machinery is operating effectively, to the benefit of those veterans concerned. In other words, he believes that consideration must await the time until he is able to assess the success of the special housing assistance for veterans program.

I may say to the hon. member that I myself have discussed this question with the director general of the veterans' land administration, who explained what is in the program. I think what he said would have pleased the hon. member. The minister wishes to add that such assistance as he has been asked to consider is of concern to his colleagues as well, especially as it would affect Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Such assistance goes beyond the provisions of existing legislation; therefore he will have to discuss the matter with his colleagues.

In summary, I can only reiterate that this matter will be given the minister's fullest consideration when he is certain that the present housing assistance program for veterans is fully and successfully operating.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The motion to adjourn the House now being deemed to have been adopted, this House accordingly stands adjourned until eleven o'clock tomorrow morning.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.21 p.m.