

members of the permanent force who served during the war were, in effect, discharged on December 31, 1944, that is, to give them 10 years after their date of discharge.

The CHAIRMAN: They were excluded before, this is a provision to let them in.

Mr. BURNS: They have the same period in which to take out insurance as any other veteran.

Mr. PEARKES: They have always been able to get insurance. I think the regular forces have always been able to take out this insurance.

Mr. BURNS: I think at the last amendment of this Act it was provided that they could take it, and this now extends for them and other people, by approximately three years, the time in which they can take out insurance.

Mr. PEARKES: How will it affect men coming back into the active forces now? Let us say veterans who have decided they are coming back on these short term commissions?

Mr. BLACK: It will not limit them, because, once having been discharged, they become veterans and are all right for 10 years after discharge.

Mr. PEARKES: That will be after discharge from the second world war, or now?

Mr. BLACK: After the second world war.

Mr. PEARKES: It does not apply to the special force, or anything, in any way?

Mr. BURNS: It is intended to extend it to the veterans who have served in Korea in due course.

Mr. HARKNESS: This means it will be extended in the case of a considerable number of people into 1956?

Mr. BURNS: Yes, those who were not discharged until 1946.

Mr. HARKNESS: Yes, they will be good up to 1956.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall clause 2 carry?

Carried.

The CHAIRMAN: Clause 3:

3. Section five of the said Act is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

(2) The insured shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to be totally and permanently disabled where his total disability has existed continuously for a period of at least one year.

This is a simplification of an administrative problem. Shall clause 3 carry?

Carried.

The CHAIRMAN: Clause 4:

4. (1) Subsection two of section six of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(2) Where the insured is unmarried, or is a widow or a widower or divorced, and without children, the beneficiary shall be the future spouse or future children of the insured, or some one or more of such persons.

(2) Subsection five of section six of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(5) Where the insured does not designate a beneficiary, or where all of the beneficiaries designated by him die within his lifetime, the insurance money shall be paid to the spouse and the children of the insured in equal shares, and if the insured survives the spouse and all the children