

addition of his old age pension and GIS, a considerable sum.

For your information, Senator Buckwold, the difference, on the average, is \$7 per month. If you consider that a considerable sum, I suggest that you take it, live on it, and tell me in the fall, when we meet again, that it is a considerable sum.

Hon. Mr. Burchill: I should like to put a question to Senator Carter. I am very interested in the case of a veteran who has been receiving the war veterans allowance for a couple of years. Lately he has been obliged to have his leg amputated. He is completely disabled, and unable to work at any job. He waited for what seemed to be an interminable time for a decision from the Pension Commission on whether he is entitled to a pension. Last week he received notification that he would receive a 50 per cent pension. However, on the day he received that notification he was advised, by a representative of the Veterans Affairs Department, that the amount which he had been receiving since 1970 as a war veterans allowance would be deducted from his pension. The difference between what he will receive and what he has been receiving is not very much. To his dismay, the frosting is off the cake. Is that the order of the day? Must that amount be deducted from this veteran's pension?

Hon. Mr. Carter: Yes. The case referred to by Senator Burchill did not come under the Pension Act until the Pension Commission granted the entitlement. The money that that veteran was receiving was granted under the War Veterans Allowance Act, and is administered in accordance with a means test. The War Veterans Allowance Act has written into it a maximum income ceiling, and a veteran's income from all sources, including that of his wife, if she has an income, is totalled. If the total is less than the ceiling written into the War Veterans Allowance Act, the veteran is entitled to receive the amount in the form of a war veterans allowance to bring it up to the ceiling as set forth in the act.

In this particular case, the 50 per cent pension that he has been awarded is under the old rates. Under this bill, when it becomes law, I would judge that this veteran will be substantially better off than he was formerly under the War Veterans Allowance Act, even though probably he will no longer qualify for allowances under the War Veterans Allowance Act. In addition, he will receive an allowance for his wife, if he is married, and he will receive an allowance for his children. Also, should he die while receiving a 50 per cent pension, his wife will automatically qualify for a widow's pension. Senator Martin has mentioned in addition that his pension will escalate in accordance with the cost of living.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. Paul Martin tabled:

Report of the National Arts Centre Corporation, including its accounts and financial statements certified by the Auditor General, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1972, pursuant to section 17 of the National Arts Centre Act, chapter N-2, R.S.C., 1970.

Copies of the terms of reference for the Independent Board of Examination related to the Air Transportation Needs of the Toronto Region.

Report on proceedings under the Canada Labour Code, Part III (Labour Standards), for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973, pursuant to section 75 of the said Code, chapter L-1, R.S.C., 1970.

Report of the Farm Credit Corporation, including its accounts and financial statements certified by the Auditor General, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973, pursuant to sections 75(3) and 77(3) of the Financial Administration Act, chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970.

Report of operations under the Civil Service Insurance Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973, pursuant to section 21(2) of the said act, chapter 49, R.S.C., 1952.

Report of the Army Benevolent Fund Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973, pursuant to section 13 of the Army Benevolent Fund Act, chapter A-16, R.S.C., 1970, including its accounts and financial statements certified by the Auditor General.

NATIONAL HOUSING ACT

BILL TO AMEND—THIRD READING

Hon. Maurice Bourget moved the third reading of Bill C-133, to amend the National Housing Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

AIRCRAFT REGISTRY BILL

SECOND READING

On the Order:

Second reading of the Bill S-9, intituled: "An act to enable Canada to comply with a Convention on the International Recognition of Rights in Aircraft".—(Honourable Senator Martin, P.C.)

Hon. Renaude Lapointe: Honourable senators—

The Hon. the Speaker: Has the Honourable Senator Lapointe permission to proceed in place of Senator Martin?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

[Translation]

Hon. Miss Lapointe: Honourable senators, the bill before us for second reading is the Aircraft Registry Act. I am honoured to be able to present this bill, which is a simple and convenient measure, aimed at eliminating the legal difficulties faced by all persons who buy, sell or finance aircraft in Canada.

Before considering the special provisions of this bill, I think it would be useful to recall the historical background leading up to this bill, so as to place it in a given perspective.

Under the Aeronautics Act, we have had, for some years, a central aircraft registry in Canada. However, we have never had a central registry for the different kinds of claims that lenders may have on aircraft. This bill will