

government side have a little more responsibility—if I may be allowed to use that term—than some other gentlemen who do not sit on the government side.

The government has the responsibility of keeping this country in some fair form of financial shape. We could not do so, as Mr. Bennett said, if there is going to be some difficulty this year. I do not want to put the country in more financial difficulty than it is likely to be in; and I am satisfied with this and I am going to vote for it when the time comes.

Mr. WESELAK: As a newcomer on this committee I am the last to speak. I feel that the aim of this legislation is to provide help where help is required. My personal feeling is that the extension of the definition of casual earnings, and a redefinition of the formula regarding the assistance fund, and the provision of medical benefits mean that help has been extended to those who need it. I feel that raising the ceilings would extend help more to those who do not need it as acutely as the ones who will receive it under the redefinition of this Act. Therefore, I propose to support this bill in its present form.

Mr. CAVERS: In the district in which I live there are nine branches of the Legion. I have received no representations from any of them to refuse this bill. Therefore, I assume that they are satisfied with its terms.

If we should refuse to accept the bill as it now stands, and if we present recommendations without passing this schedule, the government might decide not to reintroduce the bill at all. Then what is our position? No representations have been made to us not to accept what was allowed, and the veterans of the country have lost it all.

Mr. HARKNESS: Mr. Chairman, when the Legion came here to make representations with regard to the bill, they came on behalf of all the branches of the Legion. So it is ridiculous to advance an argument of that kind.

Mr. HAHN: Apparently I am one of the very few who did receive representations in respect to this bill, contrary to what Mr. Bennett and Mr. Cavers have found. I have received telegrams from the Legion in my area, as well as quite a number of letters drawing attention to the fact that this bill does not meet the requirements which the Legionaires feel should be met in looking after them at this time.

I am satisfied that, in so far as the war veteran is capable of earning casual earnings and can find a job, he is well looked after, in so far as there is \$2,040 as a ceiling for married men, and \$1,440 for single men, that is per year. But on the other hand the man who is disabled, as Mr. Quelch said earlier, and the one who has invested money and has savings—he is the fellow who needs more attention. Therefore, I must of necessity support the Legion brief and ask that we pass the amendment which Mr. White has proposed at this time.

The CHAIRMAN: I shall put the question. All those in favour of Mr. White's proposed motion will please raise their hands?

Mr. WHITE (*Hasting-Frontenac*): May we have a polled voted?

The CHAIRMAN: There is a motion by Mr. White which has already been read to you. It was seconded by Mr. Green. All those in favour of that motion will say yes or yea when their names are called, and those against it will say nay or no.

The CLERK OF THE COMMITTEE: The yeas number nine, and the nays number fifteen.

The CHAIRMAN: Then I declare Mr. White's motion lost.

We are now on clause 8, schedules A and B.

Shall clause 8 carry?

Carried.