

Mr. HERRIDGE: I move we hear the representatives of the groups first and then ask the questions afterwards.

Carried.

The CHAIRMAN: All right, thank you, Mr. Lennard.

Colonel BAKER: I wonder if Mr. Landon of the Canadian Corps Association wishes to comment?

Mr. LANDON: Well, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, the brief pretty well describes what the Canadian Corps Association wishes. We are particularly interested in the hospitalization of non-entitled veterans. We believe that the Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals have the accommodation available and they should be made use of and there are none more entitled than the veterans to use the D.V.A. hospitals.

We go along with what is in the brief and would like to see the hospitalization dealt with.

Colonel BAKER: Any comment from Mr. Correll of the war pensioners of Canada?

Mr. CORRELL: Not particularly, Mr. Chairman, I am quite satisfied with the way the brief has been presented and I feel that consideration should be given to the brief.

Colonel BAKER: The Canadian Paraplegics Association, Mr. Langford.

Mr. LANGFORD: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, if I may endorse what the Padre has said without enlarging on his argument, I would like to point out a couple of items that are of particular concern to our association.

While the veteran paraplegics are not under present regulations eligible for war veterans allowance, we do run across the occasional veteran with overseas service who has become very seriously disabled since the war in an auto accident and miscellaneous civilian paralysis casualties and in these situations we get a man who, while technically entitled to war veterans' allowance, is not able to go out, get out of a hospital or institution and earn his own living.

We would very much like to see the second recommendation carried out, see the ceilings on war veterans' allowances raised so that this man could get part time employment or sheltered employment, if you wish, using the war veterans allowance as a supplement for income and get reasonably self-sufficient.

The second item is this matter of the recommendation of treatment. The matter of this treatment for paraplegics has been almost entirely taken care of by the pensioner's disability. In the few cases in which non-entitlement conditions have arisen it has been a matter of considerable concern to the paraplegic group. The reason that these cases have not created more concern has been generally because of the extremely sympathetic attention on the part of the Department of Veterans Affairs. We are very appreciative of that and we would like to have a treatment section authorized to provide treatment for the serious disability groups regardless of the question of entitlement conditions.

If I may, I commend these points to you, gentlemen, and I would like to thank you for your consideration.

Colonel BAKER: Captain McNamara, a word on behalf of the army and navy?

Captain J. P. McNAMARA (Director of Public Relations, Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada): Mr. Chairman, our national president, Major Wickens, asked me to express his regret and the fact that conditions beyond