

The section I just read concerning delays due to temporary incapacity was sufficient to cover it and was put in the original act and this is carrying out the same idea in effect.

The WITNESS: As far as extending the benefits for training is concerned, the minister has the power to make exceptions if the veteran shows a good cause why he could not apply.

By Mr. Jones:

Q. Do you take steps to draw the attention of the veterans to the limiting clause at the time of their discharge? How does a veteran find out about it?—
A. I am sure, as they are counselled about this matter, they would be informed about the period in which they have to make application.

By Mr. Herridge:

Q. I think it would be a good practice for the discharging officer in every case to be instructed to inform the soldier that he should consult his nearest Veterans Affairs Department officer for full information concerning his rights.

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps the deputy minister would care to add a few words of comment on Mr. Herridge's suggestions.

The WITNESS: I am informed that the same form for counselling is used as in world war two, and that at one place on the form it has to be marked down that the counsellor has advised the "dischargee" that he should see the rehabilitation officer or a member of the veterans affairs staff.

Mr. GOODE: It says in sub-clause 4 "such additional time". What is the usual procedure as far as "additional time" is concerned? How long after the chap comes out of the hospital is usually given him?

The WITNESS: The normal period is a year.

Mr. GILLIS: I wonder if the deputy minister would explain to us what the machinery is as between National Defence, the Department of Labour, and Veterans Affairs, in the case of unemployment insurance, where the veteran is discharged and he comes back to his hometown and there is no employment, and he makes an application for unemployment insurance?

The CHAIRMAN: If you do not mind, Mr. Gillis, could the witness not answer Mr. Goode's question first while we are at it? With respect to additional time under clause 4, that was involved on his being a patient, or in receipt of an allowance for temporary incapacity, or because of delay in entering business; he is given that additional time in which to apply, over and above his 12 months.

Mr. GOODE: I understood he was given a year.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, and then additional time; he gets the time which was involved in being in hospital receiving treatment, or being in receipt of an allowance for temporary incapacity, or having been delayed in entering into business; he is given that additional time in which to apply under subclause 4 of the original Act, and that is carried forward into this amending bill. Is that clear?

Mr. GOODE: No, Mr. Chairman; but I will read it again when *Hansard* comes out. Maybe I will understand it before then. The veteran coming out of hospital is given sufficient time in which to make up his mind.

The CHAIRMAN: He gets a year plus the time which has been involved while he was in the hospital.

Mr. GILLIS: I was asking about unemployment insurance; the document comes back to the Department of National Defence, but before he can receive unemployment insurance in his home community, the Department of Labour has to get the credits and forward them to that office, and there are months