

Clause 3. "War Service Grants Act". I will take it up a sub-clause at a time, Sub-clause 1? I take it that it has already been explained by the deputy minister; the effect of the Act in regard to the war service grants Act?

Carried.

Sub-clause 2? Carried.

Sub-clause 3? "Discharge".

Mr. HERRIDGE: Is that last clause for the purpose of further medical protection? I read:

(iii) if he has been evacuated on medical grounds from a theatre of operations for the purpose of further medical treatment, his admission to a hospital on Canada

That means any hospital, does it not?

The WITNESS: Yes; if he is admitted as a consequence of some disability incurred.

Mr. PEARKES: Is there not a possibility of a man being admitted to a hospital in the United States and then coming back via the United States? Might it not be the situation that the man's condition deteriorated on route from the far east to the United States, making it necessary for him to be put into hospital immediately upon arrival at San Francisco or Seattle?

The WITNESS: I take it that the clause stipulates when discharge is considered to take place, so that he would come back to a Canadian hospital eventually, and actually it would be to his benefit if such a thing as Mr. Pearkes suggests happened.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the sub-clause carry?

Carried.

Sub-clause 4 "Pay and Allowances"?

Carried.

Sub-clause 5 "Service".

(5) The expression "service", as defined in paragraph (p) of section 2 of the said Act, means time served in the Canadian Forces.

Mr. GILLIS: You are extending the payment of gratuities in the case of a member who would come under these "War Service Grants Act" to certain members of the deceased person's family?

Mr. ENFIELD: Sub-clause 5 of the clause 3 would take care of that, I think.

The CHAIRMAN: You are referring to the change in the "War Service Grants Act"? That is bill 82.

Mr. GILLIS: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: It is set out in bill 82. You will see that sub-clause 1 of clause 1 of bill 82 reads as follows:

"9. (1) Where a member dies without having used all of the re-establishment credit for which he is eligible under this Act, any unused portion thereof may, in the discretion of the Minister, be made available to

(a) the widow of the member, in the case of a male member;

(b) any dependent children of the member, in the case of a male or female member, if the member dies without leaving any widow or widower or if the widow or widower is dead or cannot be found or it appears to the Minister that she or he has abandoned the children;

or