

Veterans Insurance Act

received contracts. This insurance subsequently became available to those who had served in the Korean theatre of operations and to their widows.

This bill proposes to extend the time limit to September 30, 1962, for Korea veterans whose eligibility now expires on October 31 of this year, and also proposes the same date, September 30, 1962, as the end of the period during which world war II veterans who have continued to serve in the regular forces may apply.

An amendment similar to that under the Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act proposes to repeal section 10 of the act which requires a deduction to be made from the face value of a policy in the event that a pension under the Pension Act is awarded on the insured's death, thus eliminating any future deductions.

Another proposed amendment seeks, for this act also, to avoid the necessity for comparatively small annuity payments by allowing the minister, in his discretion, to permit payment in a lump sum up to \$1,000 in addition to the maximum of \$2,000 which the insured may designate under the present provisions of the act.

Mr. Chevrier: Mr. Chairman, the remarks I made on the earlier resolution apply to this one with equal force. Since it is a resolution which is not contentious in its nature we feel again that it should be referred to the committee on veterans affairs.

Mr. Herridge: Mr. Chairman, like the previous speaker, may I say that my previous remarks apply in general to this bill because the bills are very similar in nature but I have one or two supplementary remarks. First of all, I am glad to see the minister introducing these two bills at this time. We are glad to know that the amendments or the benefits are being equally applied to both pieces of legislation, the Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act and the Veterans Insurance Act, and will apply equally, generally speaking, to veterans of the first world war, the second world war and the Korean war. I think that by establishing that principle in veterans insurance legislation we are going to improve the general understanding on the part of veterans and their dependants of the legislation because both cases are becoming very similar. At the same time it will remove the grounds for dissatisfaction which I think could easily arise if these benefits were given in one case and not also given in the other.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

[Mr. Brooks.]

Mr. Brooks thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-34, to amend the Veterans Insurance Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. Speaker: When shall the bill be read the second time; by leave of the house, now?

Hon. A. J. Brooks (Minister of Veterans Affairs): I move that the bill be now read the second time.

Mr. Speaker: Is the house agreeable to the second reading?

Mr. Chevrier: By leave.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, by leave, and referred to the standing committee on veterans affairs.

YUKON ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING BORROWING AND LOANING OF MONEY, APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS, ETC.

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Yukon Act to broaden the purposes for which the commissioner of the Yukon territory may borrow or lend money; to authorize the appointment of deputy police magistrates and provide for them remuneration and allowances; to make it clear that the governor in council may appoint judicial as well as administrative officers; and to provide further for certain changes in connection with the administration of the act.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Sevigny in the chair.

Mr. Chevrier: Will the minister make a statement on this resolution?

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): Mr. Chairman, these amendments to the Yukon Act are somewhat similar to the amendments to the Northwest Territories Act passed by the house in the last parliament. At that time I promised the house that I would bring forward these amendments to the Yukon Act which have been in abeyance for two or three years in the department. I think the house will recognize that our responsibilities with regard to the Yukon and the Northwest Territories take us into the field of provincial and municipal government. These amendments are in the main routine and technical but I think any person who understands the transitional growth that is going on in the territories will recognize in these amendments forward steps in the administration and growth of our new parts of Canada towards provincial status.