

Mr. JUTRAS: In the monthly rate?

Mr. JONES: In the monthly rate, yes.

Mr. JUTRAS: And that would work out at \$7.50 more.

The CHAIRMAN: Any further questions?

Mr. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if you could clear up this point which was raised by Mr. Jones, that the new Act makes no provision for liquid assets whereas the old Act did.

The CHAIRMAN: My recollection is, Colonel Garneau, the allowable liquid assets were not stipulated in the old act—were they? They are dealt with by regulation.

Colonel GARNEAU: They were not, sir. It was placed in the regulations—or policy as it was called then—the policy of the board—to permit personal property of \$1,750, just as a yardstick, so to speak.

The CHAIRMAN: So, as you said, Mr. Green, it is the same. The property stipulation is the only one which appears in the present Act; and, as I understand it, that is limited to the equity in the home. That is carried on and extended in the provisions in the proposed Act and it is proposed to continue the policy of allowable liquid assets by regulation as was done in the past. As a matter of fact, there has been no complaint about this method in any of the briefs that have been brought before us. Since it appears to be working, my own feeling is that it is wise to leave it in there.

Mr. GREEN: I presume the power to do that now will be under section 22, clause F, which gives the power to make regulations—gives the Governor in Council power to make regulations.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. GREEN: It reads:

(f) for determining the amount that, for the purposes of this Act, shall be deemed to be the income of a recipient from any interest in real or personal property owned or acquired by the recipient or his spouse;

The CHAIRMAN: That is correct.

Mr. GREEN: Was there any such regulation in the old Act? Was there power given in the existing Act to make a regulation of that kind?

Colonel GARNEAU: There was under the old Act. The minister has the power, on the advice of the board, to make regulations in respect to property; and that is carried through to the present Act, section 22 of which reads as follows:

22. On the advice of the Board and with the approval of the Governor in Council the Minister may make regulations for carrying the purposes and provisions of this Act into effect and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, may make regulations.

The CHAIRMAN: In the explanatory notes regarding section 22 there is reference to the section of the old Act, section 33, which reads as follows:

33. The Minister may, with the approval of the Governor in Council, make regulations relating to the quorum of a District Authority, the procedure to be followed in matters coming before District Authorities for adjudication, and the procedure to be followed in appeals from adjudications of District Authorities.

Mr. GREEN: Then the situation is that in the Act which is now in effect there is no statutory power given to make regulations?