

The CHAIRMAN: I would make the simple recommendation that, as to persons serving in the armed forces, the question whether it is desirable that they be brought under unemployment insurance be studied.

Mr. MacDOUGALL: Could the situation not be handled in this way, Mr. Chairman, that we accept Bill 278, and in the acceptance of it ask consideration for the amendment that has been suggested.

The CHAIRMAN: In our report we can say that we recommend that consideration be given to the application of unemployment insurance to the armed service in peacetime. We could put that in our report as an additional paragraph when reporting the bill.

Some Hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Mr. GILLIS: I think we should be more specific.

The CHAIRMAN: Could we discuss that when we come to our report? At that time we could discuss how specific we should be.

I have a brief from the Federation of British Canadian Veterans of Canada. The brief deals with the War Veterans Allowance Act, the elimination of the means test prevailing in the War Veterans Allowance Act, the Re-instatement in Civil Employment Act and the Canadian Pension Act, but there is one clause that deals with the Veterans Benefit Act. I would like to read that clause, and get your consent to having the entire brief inserted as an appendix to the evidence? Is that agreed?

Some Hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

The CHAIRMAN: I will now read paragraph 6 dealing with the Veterans Benefit Act:

*The Veterans Benefit Act*—The Federation is pleased, and content, with any new amendments to this Act which will benefit the veteran, but, from practical experience administering various sections of it the veteran discharged from the armed forces, or special forces is penalized for, at least, six months, after discharge, from making application for unemployment insurance benefits, if his discharge is for reason of misconduct. If he cannot find suitable employment after discharge the penalty creates a longer period.

That is their submission on this question.

Mr. GOODE: The only question about it is this. Are we going to have the record in time to bring in the report?

The CHAIRMAN: I have already read the paragraph that concerns the bill. What I had in mind with regard to war veterans' allowances was that I thought we would not be bringing in our final report until we were certain there was no further legislation to be brought in. So I did not have in mind consideration of that report until there was ample time to deal with it. You are a member of the committee, Mr. Lapointe?

Hon. Mr. LAPOINTE: No.

The CHAIRMAN: You have no objection to our deferring our final report until we are certain there is no further legislation?

Hon. Mr. LAPOINTE: No.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, we have the actual bill, gentlemen.

Mr. WHITE (*Hastings-Frontenac*): You explained that the Department of Veterans Affairs had been making contributions on behalf of the soldiers and that you wanted to remove this obligation from the Department of Veterans Affairs. If it is taken from that department, what department is then going to pay the contribution on behalf of the soldiers?