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PRAYERS.

Mr. Dinsdale, from the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Wednesday, May 20, 1959, your Committee has considered Bill C-50, An Act to amend the Veterans' Land Act, and has agreed to report it without amendment.

During the course of its deliberations your Committee approved the submission of the following recommendations to the House.

1. As the effect of the application of Part III of the Act appears to discriminate between veterans who have taken title and those who have not, consideration should be given to the introduction of an amendment which would allow a veteran, who has taken title to land, livestock and equipment, to obtain additional assistance under this legislation provided that he enters into a new contract with the Director.

While your Committee recognizes that such a change would possibly involve the introduction of a new principle into veterans' legislation, it is felt that the Government should examine carefully the desirability of such an amendment.

2. Your Committee recommends that the maximum level of loans set forth in Clause 20 of Bill C-50 be constantly reviewed in order to ensure the efficient operation of the Veterans' Land Act and especially to maintain, on a comparable basis, the veterans' position in relation to agricultural and other groups receiving federal benefits in the form of assistance loans.

3. Your Committee recommends that, in order to remove an area of discrimination, Bill C-50 should be amended by including a Clause to effect the repeal of Section 36 of the Veterans' Land Act, and to assure that the powers necessary to protect the veterans' interests remain in Section 41 of the Act.