

Veterans Rehabilitation Act

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Are they new clauses?

Mr. MUTCH: Yes, there are new clauses. I would ask my colleague the Secretary of State to move each one in turn.

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton West) moved:

To amend section 19, subsections 1 and 2, by changing 365 to 485 when those figures appear.

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shall this amendment carry?

Mr. KNOWLES: Can we be told the effect of it?

Mr. MUTCH: This is a consequential amendment to bring this section into line with the provision in sections 7, 8 and 11 which substitute \$485 for \$365.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. MUTCH: Then there is this second amendment which I will ask the Secretary of State to move.

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton West) moved:

To delete from part IV of the act paragraph 12 (1).

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shall that amendment carry?

Mr. MUTCH: During the deliberations of the committee it was pointed out that the regulations at the present time make it impossible for a Canadian who served with the Canadian forces but who, subsequently to his service, had been residing in the United States, to return to Canada and to obtain relief under this legislation until a period of three months had elapsed. Formerly the period was six months, and a former committee reduced that to three months. The committee this year agreed that the necessity for that three months' period had lapsed. That is the purpose of introducing the amendment which we have just had the Secretary of State move. It is bringing into line an overlooked recommendation of the committee to eliminate that waiting period.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. MUTCH: There is one more amendment which I will ask the Secretary of State to move.

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton West) moved:

To amend paragraph (d) of section 4 of the act by adding after the word "allies" in line three the words "or powers associated with His Majesty in world war I."

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shall this amendment carry?

Mr. MUTCH: I should like to offer a word of explanation. It appears that, since the con- [Mr. Gregg.]

clusion of world war I, those Canadians who served in the United States forces, or those Americans who were domiciled in Canada but served in the United States forces and then returned and lived in Canada since, are not eligible under this act by virtue of the fact that it has been held that the United States was not an ally in world war I but rather an associated power. A small number of veterans in that category have been denied the benefits of this legislation. This amendment will make it possible for those applications to be granted.

Amendment agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

Amendments read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. GREGG moved the third reading of the bill.

Mr. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Mr. LENNARD: On division.

Bill read the third time and passed.

VETERANS REHABILITATION ACT

EXTENSION OF ALLOWANCE PROVISIONS

Hon. MILTON F. GREGG (Minister of Veterans Affairs) moved that the house go into committee on Bill No. 200, to amend the Veterans Rehabilitation Act.

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

On section 1—"Dependent" defined.

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shall the section carry?

Mr. MENARY: May we have the bill?

Mr. KNOWLES: We have not yet received the bill.

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton West): It is in your file.

Mr. KNOWLES: But it has since been amended.

Mr. PEARKES: Has it not been amended since it was first printed?

Mr. KNOWLES: This is not a reprint, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps the minister can tell us whether the amendments are extensive.

Mr. GREGG: When the resolution was before the house I outlined the bill itself quite fully. There are no amendments to amount to anything. I will refer to them immediately. On page 5 of the bill, there is an amendment at the last line, which reads "on the thirtieth day of September, 1947," to make it read "on