

pendents will suffer during the next year if this matter is left until next Session.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: No, I cannot assure him.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: I would like to know just exactly what we are dealing with. I have just discovered that we have two Bills before us: we have the Bill as introduced in the Senate two days ago, and the Bill as amended by the Committee. What Bill are you putting before us?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Bill 205.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: As amended by the Committee?

The Hon. the CHAIRMAN: No; Bill 205, and then the amendments.

Hon. Dr. BEIQUE: We are on clause 3 of the Bill as passed by the House of Commons, and I beg to move that clause 3 be amended.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: Those who desire to vote for the Bill will vote against the amendment; that is all there is to it.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable gentlemen, the Government has charged me with the mandate of presenting this Bill to the House. It had passed through the Commons. It was the outcome of an inquiry by Royal Commission. The principle underlying Bill 205 is contained in this clause which is sought to be amended. I represent the Minister of Pensions or Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment. He has responsibility for this Act. His mind is settled on the principal of the Bill which we are now reviewing. The Bill came into the House of Commons and was amended there. I take for granted that I am a freer agent in discussing the value of these amendments from the Commons than when I stand face to face with the principle which is contained in the Bill.

Machinery has been provided for the carrying out of the Act. That machinery is indicated by the conclusions of the Royal Commission. But more than one system was presented to the Royal Commission for carrying out the conclusions of that Commission as embodied in this Act. I feel free to adhere to one system rather than to another, when it comes to the working of the Act and the end to be attained. If I am convinced that the machinery offered to this House by the Committee, is more simple and less costly, I feel free to adhere to the conclusion of the Committee. I do not feel free to relinquish the principle, the vital part of the Bill which is in this clause; and there-

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fore, having the statement of the Minister of Solders' Civil Re-establishment that he desires to embody this principle in the Act, I shall be obliged to stand by the Bill as to this clause.

The proposed amendment of Hon. Mr. Béique was negated: contents, 20; non-contents, 41.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I suggest that we proceed with the Bill.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: No; the House has taken the Bill out of the hands of the Committee. It changes the entire Bill. Take charge of the Bill, Mr. Leader; it is your Bill; it is the Government Bill; they did not support it.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: Subsection 2 of section 2 was omitted with the understanding that a new provision would be substituted for it; and I would now move that the Bill as passed by the House of Commons, with clause 3 that was adopted by the Committee, be amended by inserting as 3A the following amendment:

3A. Section 12 of the Pension Act, as amended by section 4 of chapter 62 of the statutes of 1920, and by section 2 of chapter 45 of the statutes of 1921, is further amended by adding thereto as subsection (2) the following:

"(2) Any individual case which in the opinion of the majority of the members of the Pension Board and the Appeal Board acting jointly appears to be especially meritorious and for which in said opinion no provision has been made in this Act, because such case did not form part of any class of case, such meritorious case may be made the subject of an investigation and adjudication by way of compassionate pension or allowance irrespective of any schedule to this Act."

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: This amendment is to take care of those cases that are mentioned in paragraph 2, of section 2?

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: Yes.

The proposed amendment was agreed to.

In section 4—pension in accord with extent of disability:

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: As far as I am concerned, I am not in a position to grasp the effect of the rejection of the amendment suggested by the Committee to clause 3, of the Bill; therefore I cannot take the responsibility at this moment of suggesting that clause 4 be either amended or adopted. I could take the responsibility for the parts of the Bill referring to the Appeal Board, and I am willing to deal with them; but, so far as the rest of the Bill is concerned, I am not in a position to deal with it any more. The Government will have to see to that, because I cannot grasp at this moment the effect of disturbing the Bill as reported by the Committee.