

The CHAIRMAN: It should be exempted as income on application for the war veterans allowance.

Mr. GREEN: It takes it right out of the category of income for the purpose of war veterans allowance, is that correct?

The CHAIRMAN: That is right.

Colonel BAKER: That is the recommendation. I might say that there were a variety of views throughout our membership. Some have felt that maybe that was asking too much. There have been suggestions of a ceiling within reasonable limits; however, I think there was the assumption that there was bound to be a ceiling somewhere, but the idea was to assist particularly partial pensioners who at the moment may benefit but little in many cases. Might I say that in the comment I think we refer there to the fact that even the 100 per cent pension contemplates leaving some margin of encouragement for a man to make an effort and to earn; and that is increasingly the case as you go down the degree of disability. And now, if a man becomes unemployable anywhere down the line then he is apt to be out of luck, fare approximately the same as a war veterans allowance case. You see, the unemployability supplement that was in last year, when that was discontinued following the increase in the basic rate, if a man in the 50 or 65 per cent group qualified he lost from \$2 to as much as \$17, and in addition his entitlement to treatment for non-entitlement conditions.

Mr. GREEN: I noticed in the first paragraph of that recommendation you only make it applicable to the unemployable.

Colonel BAKER: To the unemployable, yes.

Mr. GREEN: That is, you are asking that the unemployable veteran would not have his pension counted as income?

Colonel BAKER: That is right.

Mr. GREEN: But you are not asking that for the employable veterans?

Colonel BAKER: That is correct.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to ask for information about the paraplegics. That point is not clear to me. Do I understand these paraplegics are subject to a means test?

The CHAIRMAN: It is a means test now.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: May I ask that from the gentleman who heads their delegation?

The CHAIRMAN: Would you like to answer that?

Mr. LANGFORD: Speaking of the veteran who has become seriously incapacitated since the war, he does not, of course, have a pension entitlement for the condition and he must fall back on the war veterans' allowance. Under those circumstances, in order to get a man rehabilitated, it is frequently necessary to put him into part-time occupations or sheltered employment of perhaps a period of a month or a few years before he can get in a position where he can become self-supporting. For that reason we feel that the ceiling on earnings in connection with war veterans' allowance should be raised.

The CHAIRMAN: If the committee will permit me, I was going to ask a question of Padre Lambert. I assure him there is no malice in it, but I have enjoyed a lot of very uncomfortable hours at his hands. I wonder if he personally subscribed to that section he read for his organization at the top of page 3. I can't just reconcile the comments there in connection with the unemployability supplement and these provisions; because I seem to recollect that there were—