

Supplementary Order Paper

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Wednesday, the 2nd Day of October 1963

WAR PENSIONS AMENDMENT BILL

*Proposed Amendment*

Hon. MR KINSELLA, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

*Clause 4:* To omit subsection (3) of the proposed new section 75A, and substitute the following subsection:

“(3) For the purposes of this section, a person referred to in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section shall be deemed to have been one of the parents of any such deceased member, if he was at the death of the member a parent or step-parent or adoptive parent of the member, or if in any other case the member was maintained by that person or by the wife or husband of that person and that person is in the circumstances of the case regarded by a War Pensions Board as being a parent of that member.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*Clause 4* of the Bill, which provides for payment of a war servicemen's dependant's allowance, defines the circumstances in which a person is deemed to have been a parent of a deceased member of the forces. The clause declares that he will be deemed to be a parent of such a member if the member was a child or stepchild or adopted child of that person, or if the member was maintained by that person or by the wife or husband of that person and is regarded by a War Pensions Board as being a child of that person.

But the term “child”, in relation to a member of the forces, is defined in section 2 of the principal Act as meaning a child under the age of 16 years, and the term “child” in the proposed new section 75A would in certain circumstances require to be interpreted in the same way. The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the provisions will apply to a parent of any deceased member of the forces of any age.

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