

INCREASING THE ANNUAL INCOME LIMITATIONS GOVERNING
THE PAYMENT OF PENSIONS TO CERTAIN VETERANS AND THEIR
DEPENDENTS, AND TO PRECLUDE EXCLUSIONS IN DETERMIN-
ING ANNUAL INCOME FOR PURPOSES OF SUCH LIMITATIONS

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Mr. ALLEN of Louisiana, from the committee of conference, submitted
the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 4387]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4387) to increase the annual income limitations governing the payment of pension to certain veterans and their dependents, and to preclude exclusions in determining annual income for purposes of such limitations, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

That paragraph II (a), part III, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“II. (a) Payment of pension provided by part III shall not be made to any unmarried person whose annual income exceeds \$1,400 or to any married person or any person with minor children whose annual income exceeds \$2,700.”

SEC. 2. The first sentence of section 1 (c) of the Act of June 28, 1934, as added by section 1 of the Act of July 19, 1939 (53 Stat. 1068), and as amended (38 U. S. C. 503 (c)), is further amended to read as follows: “Payment of pension under the provisions of this Act shall not be made to any widow without child, or to a child, whose annual income exceeds \$1,400, or to a widow with a child or children whose annual income exceeds \$2,700.”

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the second calendar month after its enactment. Pension shall not be paid for any period prior to the effective date of this Act to any person whose eligibility for pension is established solely by virtue of this Act.

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to increase the annual income limitations governing the payment of pension to certain veterans and their dependents."

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STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4387) to increase the annual income limitations governing the payment of pension to certain veterans and their dependents, and to preclude exclusions in determining annual income for purposes of such limitations, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon and recommended in the accompanying conference report as to such amendments, namely:

The bill as passed by the House provided for income limitation of \$1,800 for a veteran or widow without dependents and for \$3,000 for a widow or veteran with dependents. This is in contrast to the existing rates of \$1,000 and \$2,500 respectively. Under existing law certain exclusions are provided in determining income but the House bill provided that all income should be included.

The bill as passed by the Senate increased the rates from \$1,000 to \$1,200 for a veteran or widow without dependents and from \$2,500 to \$2,600 for a veteran or widow with dependents, but within the framework of the present law, thus retaining the exclusions among which are other Veterans' Administration benefits, proceeds from Government life insurance, overtime performed in the Federal Government, etc.

The conference agreement provides for setting the income limitation of \$1,400 for a widow without dependents or a veteran without dependents, and \$2,700 for a widow or a veteran with dependents. This would provide for retention of exclusions contained in the present law.

As agreed upon by the conferees, it is estimated that the first year cost (fiscal year 1953) will be \$43,800,000.

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