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ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED VETERANS WITH FOUR OR MORE CHILDREN

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Mr. BYRD of Virginia, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 10898]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 10898) to amend section 315 of title 38, United States Code, to provide additional compensation for seriously disabled veterans having four or more children, having considered the same report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

GENERAL EXPLANATION

Veterans today with service-connected disabilities rated 50 percent or more disabling are entitled to additional compensation for their wives, children, and dependent parents. For example, a veteran with a wartime disability, totally disabled, receives \$23 for a wife, \$39 for a wife and one child, \$50 for a wife and two children, and \$62 for a wife and three children; in cases where there is no wife, the veteran receives \$15 for the first child, \$12 additional for the second child, and \$39 for three children. No payment is made for children in excess of three, but as will be noted above, the rate for children in excess of one is generally a \$12 monthly additional allowance. This bill would permit the \$12 monthly payment for all children, regardless of the number a veteran might have.

The Veterans' Administration advises that no cost estimate can be furnished, but it is believed that the cost would be small.

DEPARTMENTAL VIEWS

The Veterans' Administration considers the existing ceiling on the rate payable where children are involved a reasonable one which should be maintained. Accordingly, the Veterans' Administration does not recommend favorable consideration of H.R. 10898.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subsection 4 of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets; new matter is printed in italics; existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

SECTION 315, TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE

§ 315. Additional compensation for dependents

(a) Any veteran entitled to compensation at the rates provided in section 314 of this title, and whose disability is rated not less than 50 per centum, shall be entitled to additional compensation for dependents in the following monthly amounts:

- (1) If and while rated totally disabled and—
 - (A) has a wife but no child living, \$23;
 - (B) has a wife and one child living, \$39;
 - (C) has a wife and two children living, \$50;
 - (D) has a wife and three or more children living, \$62 (*plus \$12 for each living child in excess of three*);
 - (E) has no wife but one child living, \$15;
 - (F) has no wife but two children living, \$27;
 - (G) has no wife but three or more children living, \$39 (*plus \$12 for each living child in excess of three*); and
 - (H) has a mother or father, either or both dependent upon him for support, then, in addition to the above amounts, \$19 for each parent so dependent.

(2) If and while rated partially disabled, but not less than 50 per centum, in an amount having the same ratio to the amount specified in paragraph (1) as the degree of his disability bears to total disability. The amounts payable under this paragraph shall be adjusted upward or downward to the nearest dollar, counting fifty cents and over as a whole dollar.

(b) The additional compensation for a dependent or dependents provided by this section shall not be payable to any veteran during any period he is in receipt of an increased rate of subsistence allowance or education and training allowance on account of a dependent or dependents under any other law administered by the Veterans' Administration.

The veteran may elect to receive whichever is the greater.

