

INCREASING THE COMPENSATION PAYABLE TO THE SURVIVING CHILDREN OF CERTAIN DECEASED VETERANS WHOSE DEATH WAS WARTIME-SERVICE-CONNECTED

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Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany S. 2825]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 2825) to increase the compensation payable to the surviving children of certain deceased veterans whose death was wartime service-connected, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

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

In lieu of the matter inserted by the House amendment insert the following: *That paragraph IV of part I of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:*

*"The surviving widow, child or children, and dependent mother or father of any deceased person who died as the result of injury or disease incurred in or aggravated by active military or naval service as provided in part I, paragraph I hereof, shall be entitled to receive compensation at the monthly rates specified next below:*

*"Widow but no child, \$75; widow with one child, \$100 (with \$15 for each additional child); no widow but one child, \$58; no widow but two children, \$82 (equally divided); no widow but three children, \$106 (equally divided) (with \$20 for each additional child; total amount to be equally divided); dependent mother or father, \$60 (or both), \$35 each."*

*SEC. 2. Subparagraph (c), paragraph I, part II, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:*

*"(c) Any veteran or the dependents of any deceased veteran otherwise entitled to compensation under the provisions of part II of this regulation or the general pension law shall be entitled to receive the rate of compensation provided in part I of this regulation, if the disability or death of such veteran resulted from an injury or disease received in line of duty (1) as*

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a direct result of armed conflict, or (2) while engaged in extrahazardous service, including such service under conditions simulating war, or (3) while the United States is engaged in war."

SEC. 3. Paragraph III of part II of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The surviving widow, child or children, and dependent mother or father of any deceased person who died as a result of injury or disease incurred in or aggravated by active military or naval service as provided for in part II, paragraph I hereof, shall be entitled to receive compensation at 80 per centum of the rates specified for such dependents in paragraph IV, part I hereof, as now or hereafter amended."

SEC. 4. The increases provided by this Act shall be effective from the first day of the second month following the passage of this Act.

And the House agree to the same.

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

In lieu of the matter inserted by the House amendment insert the following: "A bill to increase the rates of service-connected death compensation payable to certain widows, children, and dependent parents of persons who served in the active military or naval service, and for other purposes."

And the House agree to the same.

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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 (S. 2825) to increase the compensation payable to the surviving children of certain deceased veterans whose death was wartime service-connected submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

The House amendment struck out all of the Senate bill after the enacting clause. The committee of conference recommends that the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House, and agree to the same with an amendment which is a substitute for both the Senate bill and the House amendment, and that the House agree to the same.

The substantial differences in rates between the House amendment and the proposed conference substitute are noted in the following schedule:

	Existing law	H. R. 3748	S. 2825	Conference agreement
Widow but no child.....	\$60.00	\$75	\$70	\$75.
Widow with 1 child.....	78.00	115	94	\$100 (with \$15 for each additional child).
Widow with 2 children.....	93.60	135	112	
Widow with 3 children.....	109.20	155	127	
Widow with 4 children.....	124.80	175	142	
Widow with 5 children.....	140.40	195	157	
No widow but 1 child.....	30.00	60	58	\$58.
No widow but 2 children.....	45.60	70	82	\$82 (equally divided).
No widow but 3 children.....	57.60	90	106	\$106 (equally divided) (with \$20 for each additional child; total amount to be equally divided).
No widow but 4 children.....	69.60	110	126	
No widow but 5 children.....	81.60	130	146	
Dependent mother or father.....	64.00	75	54	\$60.
Dependent mother and father, each.....	30.00	40	30	\$35.

The House bill placed an annual income limitation to \$1,800 for one parent or \$3,000 for two for use in determining dependency. It also excluded life-insurance payments from any source in an amount less than \$3,000 received in any one year. The conference agreement eliminates this provision. It was pointed out that complaints were made that the criteria in the Veterans' Administration regulations for determining dependency of parents were not liberal enough to meet present-day requirements. Accordingly, the conferees agreed that the Veterans' Administration should survey such regulations with a view toward revision to meet current needs.

The Senate bill provided that widows and orphans of peacetime veterans should receive 80 percent of the rates specified for wartime cases. No provision of this character was contained in the House bill. The House managers agreed to accept it.

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