

PROVIDING INCREASES OF COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES WHO HAVE DEPENDENTS

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

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany S. 2821]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 2821) to provide increases of compensation for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities who have dependents, 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: *That any person entitled to compensation at wartime rates for disability incurred in or aggravated by active service as provided in part I, or paragraph I (c), part II, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, or the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, and restored with limitations by Public Law 141, Seventy-third Congress, March 28, 1934, as amended, and whose disability is rated not less than 60 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, \$21;*
 - (b) *has a wife and one child living, \$35;*
 - (c) *has a wife and two children living, \$45.50;*
 - (d) *has a wife and three or more children living, \$56;*
 - (e) *has no wife but one child living, \$14;*
 - (f) *has no wife but two children living, \$24.50;*
 - (g) *has no wife but three or more children living, \$35;*
 - (h) *has a mother or father, either or both dependent upon him for support, then, in addition to the above amounts, \$17.50 for each parent so dependent.*

(2) *If and while rated partially disabled, but not less than 60 per centum, in an amount having same ratio to the amount specified in subsection (1) hereof as the degree of his disability bears to the total disability.*

SEC. 2. *That any person entitled to compensation at peacetime rates for disability incurred in or aggravated by active service as provided in paragraph II, part II, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, except paragraph I (c) thereof, and whose disability is rated not less than 60 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, \$16.80;*

(b) *has a wife and one child living, \$28;*

(c) *has a wife and two children living, \$36.40;*

(d) *has a wife and three or more children living, \$44.80;*

(e) *has no wife but one child living, \$11.20;*

(f) *has no wife but two children living, \$19.60;*

(g) *has no wife but three or more children living, \$28;*

(h) *has a mother or father, either or both dependent upon him for support, then, in addition to the above amounts, \$14 for each parent so dependent.*

(2) *If and while rated partially disabled, but not less than 60 per centum, in an amount having same ratio to the amount specified in subsection (1) hereof as the degree of his disability bears to the total disability.*

SEC. 3. *The additional compensation for a dependent or dependents provided by this Act shall not be payable to any veteran during any period he is in receipt of an increased rate of compensation or of subsistence allowance on account of a dependent or dependents under any other law administered by the Veterans' Administration: Provided, That he may elect to receive whichever is the greater.*

SEC. 4. *The administrative, definitive, and penal provisions of Public Law Numbered 2, Seventy-third Congress, and Veterans Regulations thereunder, as amended, shall be for application under this Act.*

SEC. 5. *This Act shall take effect on the first day of the second calendar month next succeeding its enactment.*

And the House agree to the same.

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Managers on the Part of the Senate.

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. 2821) to provide increases of compensation for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities who have dependents 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, 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:

Totally disabled	H. R 5588	S. 2821, wartime	S. 2821, peace- time	Conference agree- ment	
				Wartime	Peace time
Wife, but no child.....	\$30	\$15.00	\$12	\$21.00	16.86
Wife, 1 child.....	50	25.00	20	35.00	28.00
Wife, 2 children.....	65	32.50	26	45.50	36.40
Wife, 3 or more children.....	80	40.00	32	56.00	44.80
No wife, 1 child.....	20	10.00	8	14.00	11.20
No wife, 2 children.....	35	17.50	14	24.50	19.60
No wife, 3 or more children.....	50	25.00	20	35.00	28.00
Dependent parent or parents each.....	25	12.50	10	17.50	14.00

The conference agreement also provides that if and while rated partially disabled, but not less than 60 percent, the amount of additional compensation shall be in an amount having the same ratio to the amount specified in the above schedule under heading of "Conference agreement" as the degree of disability bears to the total disability.

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