

program is increased (under sec. 1839(b) of the act) above its present level of \$3.

Under the conference action, the portion of the Senate amendment relating to coverage of drugs and biologicals under the supplementary medical insurance program is omitted.

PERCENTAGE DEPLETION RATE FOR CLAY AND SHALE USED IN MAKING
SEWER PIPE

The Senate amendment (in proposed sec. 404) contained provisions relating to the percentage depletion allowance for clay and shale used or sold for use in the manufacture of sewer pipe and brick. The conference action with respect to this provision is explained under title II under the heading "percentage depletion rate for certain clay, shale, and slate."

PRESERVATION FROM REDUCTION OF CERTAIN WIDOWS' BENEFITS
UNDER TITLE II OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

The Senate amendment (in proposed sec. 405) amends the "family maximum" provisions in title II of the Social Security Act to provide that a widow's insurance benefits will not be reduced on account of any child's insurance benefits which may be payable to a child of an insured individual who died before 1966, if such child is not the widow's child and would not have been considered to be the insured individual's child under the applicable provisions of section 216(h) of the act (relating to determination of family status) before that section was amended in 1965 to permit certain sons and daughters of insured individuals to qualify as "children" for benefit purposes although not so qualified under State law. This portion of the Senate amendment would apply only to monthly benefits for months after the month of enactment.

Under the conference action, the portion of the Senate amendment relating to these widow's insurance benefits is omitted.

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