

Dependency and indemnity compensation—Additional DIC payable to widows for each child. Estimated first year cost will be \$5 million. Basic DIC rate to widows be increased. Estimated first year cost will be \$30 million.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Did you people give any consideration to the fact that a boy may be drafted who just finished college or graduated from an academy and goes in the service as a private and the DIC paid his child and his widow, if he is killed, is tied to his pay as a private for the rest of her life?

Did you give any kind of consideration to some kind of an increase based on what the man would normally have made if he lived? I can't get away from the fact that it seems unfair to me that a young man is killed with a potential of becoming a much better supporter of his family than he is at the time of his death, and we tie this DIC rate to his rank when he dies.

We should have some kind of an increase through the years, and not freeze the DIC rate for the widow based on an assumption that her husband would have remained a private or a second lieutenant all his life.

Mr. McCURDY. We have made two recommendations in connection with this point, neither of which are exactly the point that you are making and with which I agree.

The two points that we do make is that we do ask for an increase in the basic DIC rate and that in addition to the basic rate, when the increase in military pay comes along that not only will the 12 percent—or whatever percent may be in force at that time—be added, but that the increase be added to the basic rate.

So in all instances these will go along with it and so accepting under the present law, the schedule that would give them these cost-of-living increases, commensurate with what the pay of the Army goes and, of course, the generosity of this committee and what they report in basic for DIC.

It isn't quite what you are saying of the elimination in rank of a fellow that was a private who, in a few years, would probably be earning a general's pay.

How do you reciprocate, for that is a most difficult problem. While there was some discussion I don't believe that we arrived at any conclusion.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Bob, going back to education, did you people give any consideration to a young man that went to school under the war orphans program and then becomes a veteran in his own right?

Mr. McCURDY. No, I don't believe we discussed that.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. If any members have questions as we go through, I suggest that we cover each item. If anybody has a question, don't hesitate to ask it.

Bob, generally what did you recommend on cemeteries?

Mr. McCURDY. We have a long recommendation in the book. I can briefly tell you what it is. It is recommendation No. 26 in the report that is completely documented in there. There were three steps that we thought were essential and necessary.