

The first step has been taken where control would come to this committee. We thought that was very essential that it is a purely veterans matter or largely a veterans matter and that it should be under the jurisdiction of the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

The second step is that we believe that administratively it should be under the Veterans' Administration in its entirety, the entire system.

The third step is that when and if these two are accomplished there should be a study to pull together the multiple regulations and procedures they have now into one orderly method.

Concurrent with this, a very thorough survey should be made as to where cemeteries should be established and how many. Also, in order to adequately take care of those who might not be accommodated or not want to be buried in a national cemetery, we have included in our recommendation an increase in the burial allowance.

That is briefly what those four pages contain.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. You were not able to give any kind of a cost figure on cemeteries?

Mr. McCURDY. No, sir.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. I am sure it would be very difficult.

Mr. McCURDY. We thought about it but we did not know how to proceed or project that.

Shall I proceed?

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Yes.

Mr. McCURDY. Payment for career service type benefit for death unrelated to service for veteran totally disabled 20 years or longer.

Health services—Grant Vietnam veterans complete dental treatment for one year. Estimated first year cost will be \$5 million.

That is the end of our first group of priorities.

Then we come to a second group that are with these but after it, if you know what I mean by "but after."

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Bob, before you go to the next group, I have a question with reference to veteran preference, which does not come under the jurisdiction of this committee. Quite often a situation arises where, for example, you have a man who may have gone all the way through Vietnam, the heaviest fighting, with no disability, and he comes home. Another man has maybe not left this country at all, but he is hurt in an automobile accident. We come around to the rule to hire the disabled for the postmasters jobs, and the boy who was hurt in the car wreck has preference over the boy who fought in Vietnam. Did you people get in that kind of situation?

Mr. McCURDY. Not exactly in employment. We had a quite lengthy discussion on extra consideration in the form of compensation for the combat veteran. But we stayed away from veterans preference in employment because it wasn't under the VA and we thought that perhaps it was not the duty of our Commission to take a position on that.

I think that corrective legislation should be done on that case. That is a personal opinion and not the opinion of the committee, necessarily.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. All right, sir.

Mr. McCURDY. In addition there are other recommendations of high priority which should be enacted in this legislative year, if at all possible. These are: