should be made from the date of his admission to the private hospital, provided the Veterans Administration is notified within 90 days of his discharge from the hospital.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 10

The Commission recommends an increase in the special statutory award of $47 for specified single disabilities based on the increased cost of living.

Background to Recommendation:

The cost of living has risen substantially since special statutory compensation awards were last increased in 1952. The fact that compensation rates were increased four times from 1952 to the present attests to the continuing need to adjust compensation payments to the cost of living.

For some disabled veterans, the statutory award is all, or a major portion of, the actual compensation they receive. The problem of specific statutory awards is being studied in conjunction with the economic validation study. Until that study is completed, it is necessary that the special awards be increased to keep pace with the increasing costs. Therefore, the Commission recommends an increase in the statutory awards to correspond with the increased cost of living since 1952.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 11

The Commission recommends that loss of procreative power constitute the criterion to qualify for the special statutory compensation award. The Commission further recommends that such change be for future application so that no one now receiving this special award will have his compensation reduced because of such change in criterion.

Background to Recommendation:

The special monthly compensation paid for loss or loss of use of certain organs and senses (Section 314 (k) of Title 38 U.S.C.) was established to compensate for impairment other than economic, which is included in disability ratings.