

90th Congress and include within the confines of veterans' legislation this particular area.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Thank you very much. You have answered the question very well in my opinion.

On page 11 you said:

While not suffering death during active duty, those veterans who have died as a direct result of disabilities incurred while in service, should be awarded the same consideration as if death actually took place while on active duty.

My question is, can you give me an example?

Mr. FERRINO. The inference would be a man who was wounded and who suffered an injury while in the active service.

For several years this injury might merely be a physical ailment and could be possibly treated during his period of disability. But, from the result of the original injury, which was service connected, this man then dies.

Now, the impression and the action that we as veterans, and we as a veterans' organization, hope that that man's death would be treated the same as if he was killed while in action, right on the spot, and we feel that that veteran's widow should be accorded the privilege and, I think a right, but the privilege of being hospitalized when needed in a VA installation and if the child of that deceased veteran needs hospital assistance and attention, then that child should also be accorded the privilege of hospitalization in a VA installation.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. DORN. Our colleague, Mr. Ayres from Ohio, has another commitment and I will call on him now.

Incidentally, I think it is worthy to note that this is our colleague's birthday and as he approaches middle age I want to wish him well. Congratulations, Bill.

Mr. AYRES. Thank you, Mr. Dorn. That comes from a real authority because you have experienced this for a number of years.

Mr. Chairman, it is always a pleasure to be in the midst of Amvets. Mr. Commander, I have known your predecessors well for the past 18 years and have been a member of the organization myself for 20 years and I commend you on the fine work you are doing.

I was quite impressed with your statement along the line that we should continue the housing as long as the individual feels that he wants a home. We are spending so much time, effort and money in saying one of the things that is wrong with the country is that we don't have enough good houses for our people, and I think that perhaps the lead that you have taken in this field has inspired our government to make it easier for everyone to have a home.

I commend you particularly on that point because this is one precedent that you have set that has been followed through and that is helping all of us, not just the veterans.

I am going to have to leave, ladies and gentlemen, but I understand the meeting will be continued later this evening and I trust I can be there without being a disabled veteran.

Mr. DORN. Mr. Teague of California is one of our most faithful members and also has another commitment.

Mr. Teague of California, who is now the ranking Republican member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee.