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BENEFITS FOR VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II.

The Senate has already passed and the House now has under consideration, a comprehensive bill endorsed by veterans organizations for affording various types of benefits for the veterans of the present war. This measure provides for an expanded hospital program, for education, for loans for the purchase or construction of homes, the purchase of farms or farm equipment, the purchase of a business or business equipment and supplies, the employment of veterans and the payment of readjustment allowances after the war is over if a job cannot be found. This measure is 45 pages in length. Its essential provisions are herein summarized.

GENERAL

It authorizes a \$500,000,000 hospital program, provides for the use and exchange of hospital facilities between the Veterans Administration and the Army and Navy, permits the representatives of recognized veterans organizations to render aid to veterans on claims, keeps the veterans on the military or naval rolls in case of disability until his claim is ready to be filed, and affords a review of his record in case he was discharged or separated from the service in any way other than by honorable discharge.

EDUCATION

If the veteran served for six months or if he was wounded and discharged for service-incurred wounds or injuries before that time, he can attend an accredited school for a period of one year. He must attend sometime within two years after his discharge from the service and must complete the training within seven years of discharge if he attends school only part time. The Federal government will allow \$500. for tuition, laboratory fees and other regular school costs plus \$50 per month for living expenses plus \$25 a month if he has any dependents.

LOANS TO BUY OR BUILD A HOME.

A loan not to exceed \$1000. in the aggregate may be obtained by making application therefor to the Veterans Administrator to buy or build a home. The funds can be used to pay taxes or assessments or to make alterations on a home previously purchased. No interest is charged the first year and thereafter the interest rate will be 3%. The cost of the home must not exceed the reasonable appraised value and must bear a proper relationship to the veterans income.

FARM LOANS

The veteran can receive a loan not exceeding \$1000 to buy a farm or farm supplies, equipment, buildings or livestock but it must be used for bona fide farming by the veteran, must be necessary or useful for that purpose and he must have farming experience.

BUSINESS LOANS

The veteran can obtain a \$1000 loan to buy a business, including land, buildings, supplies, equipment etc.

EMPLOYMENT.

To aid the veteran in finding a job, a Veterans Placement Board is created and established in the United States Employment Service. It shall have a representative in each state and the function of this Board and its personnel shall be to register veterans, contact employers and to do those things necessary to find suitable employment for him.

READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCES.

If within a period of two years after the veteran has been mustered out, he cannot find a job and is able and willing to work, he would be entitled to a readjustment allowance for a period of not to exceed 52 weeks. This allowance could not begin until 4 weeks after his muster-out from the service. It would not be payable if he received an increased pension or subsistence allowances or after 5 years after hostilities ended. He must be unemployed and registered for a job. The allowance would amount to \$15 per week plus an additional \$5 for a dependent, \$8 if there were two dependents and \$10 if there were three dependents. Thus the total maximum amount that might be paid would be \$25 per week for a period of 52 weeks. This in brief is a summary of the benefits provided in the bill which has become commonly known as the "G.I." Bill.