

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

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sensitive analysis of the decisions of the courts of Texas concerning wrongful death actions, and concludes that though the figure of \$25,000 originally carried by this bill as the amount to be paid while somewhat higher than the average recovery is not sufficient departure to warrant an objection on the part of the Army. However, the cases do demonstrate that the courts of Texas do take into consideration previous recoveries by injured parties in fixing the amount of a recovery. Therefore the Army has recommended that the compensation provided for in the bill be reduced by \$10,569.22, and indicates that it will not have any objection to the enactment of the bill if it is amended to provide for any award to Mr. and Mrs. Page in the amount of \$14,430.88".

Let me make perfectly clear that I am utterly in sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Page, just as I am utterly in sympathy with any family who has lost a member on duty with the armed forces; but my sympathy does not extend to the point where I'd be willing to give every surviving family of such a dead veteran \$25,000; which is exactly what this bill amounts to if equity were to be exercised by Congress.

If this bill is permitted to pass in the Senate, and quite likely similar bills must have gone into the records long ago; then our government is sitting astride a precedent that cannot be left alone until every surviving family is paid \$25,000 for a lost son or father.

The way our government is tossing money around the world that might not be such a bad idea, but I don't believe our honored dead would wish to be the cause of pushing the nation they defended further into bankruptcy.

This bill should be killed or every family who lost a member should be paid \$25,000.

**STATE INCOME TAX FACTS
North Carolina Individual Tax Returns**

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Article No. 2 — Differences in Federal and State Deductions

While both the Federal and North Carolina income tax laws allow generally the same types of deductions from taxable income, there are substantial differences in the manner of listing and computing those deductions.

Medical Expenses

While the Federal income tax law allows you a deduction for certain medical expenses which exceed 3% of your "adjusted gross income," the North Carolina income tax law allows you a deduction for medical expenses which exceed 5% of your net income before deducting medical expenses. Medical expenses for North Carolina income tax purposes include the following:

1. Drugs and medicines. (You do not reduce your drugs and medicines by 1% of your "adjusted gross income" as you are required to do under Federal law.)
2. Hospital bills.
3. Doctor and dentist bills.

4. Premiums paid on hospitalization and health and accident insurance.

5. Cost of eye glasses, hearing aids, dentures, and orthopedic appliances.

6. Cost of travel to secure medical treatment.

Any insurance reimbursement for medical expenses must be deducted from the total in computing the deduction. The maximum deduction is \$2,500.

Dividends

If you own shares of stock in corporations which are partly or wholly North Carolina corporations, you will find a substantial tax saving in the proper report-

ing of dividends received from these corporations.

While Federal law allows you a dividend credit against your tax due, North Carolina law allows you to deduct a percentage of the dividend received equal to the percentage of the corporation's income taxed by North Carolina. For example, if you receive dividends from a corporation which pays corporate income tax to North Carolina on three-fourths its earnings for the year, you need pay income tax only on one-fourth

of the dividend received (the one-fourth on which the corporation did not pay income tax to North Carolina). The correct way to take this deduction is to enter your total dividends received in the dividend schedule on the return form.
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By JOHN A. KING

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