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MR. FORD OF MICHIGAN

MR. SPEAKER, on July 27th, I introduced a bill to provide family allowances for all servicemen called to active duty. Three weeks has elapsed and no action has been taken by either the House or Senate on this important legislation. In the meantime men are being called to active duty, taken from their civilian jobs, and no adequate compensation is forthcoming for their dependents. In order to protect the homes and families of those called to services, increases over the World War II allowances should be included in the law when finally enacted. We cannot expect families to live on the same income they received in 1943.

The necessary legislation is apparently roadblocked by some of our military leaders on purely technical grounds. I admit it is complicated legislation but it seems to me the tremendous staffs in the Pentagon and the House and Senate committees could have worked out a fair solution by this late date. I strongly urge that our military leaders and the committee members work night and day on this problem until a bill is ready for immediate enactment.

