

AMENDING SECTION 602 (D) (1) OF THE NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED

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Mr. CLARK of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 903]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 903) to amend section 602 (d) (1) of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill, as amended, do pass.

Amend the bill as follows:

Page 1, line 10, after the word "made" and before the word "within" insert "heretofore or".

Page 2, line 1, after the word "Act)" strike out all down to the word "upon" on line 3.

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to grant to members of the military or naval forces of the United States an additional 120-day period in which to file application for national service life insurance without the necessity of further medical examination.

Under section 602 (d) (1) of the National Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended by section 10 of Public Law 360, Seventy-seventh Congress, December 20, 1941, any person in the active service, and while in such active service, shall be granted such insurance without medical examination upon application therefor in writing (made within 120 days after the date of the enactment of such amendatory act), and upon payment of premiums.

The bill S. 903 provides for a further extension and the granting of an additional 120-day period for filing application for such insurance, without further medical examination, and your committee are of the opinion that such extension is warranted and essential in the best interest of the members of the armed forces of the United States.

The bill S. 903 has the approval of the War Department and spokesmen for that Department appeared before a subcommittee of

your committee and urged the immediate passage and enactment of such legislation, so that such insurance will be available to those members of the armed forces who have, due to circumstances and conditions, not availed themselves of such insurance.

In supporting such an extension the War Department advised your committee that a more adequate personnel to acquaint members of the armed forces with the fact that such insurance is available than that which existed at the time of and subsequent to the granting of the previous extension. In addition representatives of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans of the World War appeared and urged passage of the measure.

Evidence was presented your committee to show that the legislation is not sought primarily for the men now entering the military or naval services of the United States, but to make such insurance possible to members of the armed forces who previously entered the service and are stationed at various theaters of operations in the present war. The War Department advised your committee that a group of officers, experienced in this insurance work, are being dispatched overseas to operate under the direction of different commanders to aid and assist members of the armed forces in availing themselves of the insurance under the National Service Life Insurance Act, and urged that such an extension be granted to permit the successful operation of such a service.

