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## AMENDMENT OF WAR RISK INSURANCE ACT.

JANUARY 23 (calendar day, JANUARY 27), 1923.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McCUMBER, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

### REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10003.]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10003) to further amend and modify the war risk insurance act, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass with an amendment. The bill as amended has the approval of the United States Veterans' Bureau, as will appear by the letter attached and which is made a part of this report.

Strike out all after line 5, page 1, up to and including line 6, page 3, and insert the new matter recommended by the Veterans' Bureau.

UNITED STATES VETERANS' BUREAU,  
Washington, January 24, 1923.

HON. PORTER J. McCUMBER,  
Chairman of Committee on Finance,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the telephone request from your committee, I am pleased to transmit herewith a copy of my letter dated April 20, 1922, addressed to Chairman Winslow relative to the bill H. R. 10003 and a copy of the substitute bill which was transmitted to Chairman Winslow with that letter.

I may also invite your attention to the fact that a similar letter dated April 20, 1922, was directed to you in connection with this bill; and I desire to commend to your favorable consideration the suggestions made therein.

Since the correspondence of April, 1922, with respect to this bill, the Comptroller General of the United States has rendered a decision to the effect that the Director of the Veterans' Bureau may not determine the person who "is otherwise legally vested with the responsibility or care of the claimant" if there is no guardian, curator, or conservator duly appointed; but that the determination of this question is one to be made by the Comptroller General.

For this reason it is suggested that a second proviso should be added to subdivision (1) of section 23 as proposed by the draft submitted by this bureau to read in the following language:

*Provided further*, That for the purpose of payments of benefits under Article III of the war risk insurance act, as amended, where no guardian, curator, or conservator of the person under a legal disability has been appointed under the laws of the State or residence of the claimant, the director shall determine the person who is otherwise legally vested with responsibility or care of the claimant or his estate."

Respectfully,

O. R. FORBES, Director.