

## AMENDMENT TO WAR RISK INSURANCE ACT.

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Mr. SWEET, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

### CONFERENCE REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 8778.]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 8778) to amend and modify the war risk insurance act having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 5 and 18.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30, and agree to the same.

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*Managers on the part of the House.*

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STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE.

Amendment No. 1: The House conferees recede from its disagreement to this amendment as it changes the salary of the Director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance from \$10,000, as passed by the House, to \$7,500.

Amendments Nos. 2, 3, and 4: The House recedes from its disagreement to these amendments for the reason that they simply change the phraseology made necessary by the addition of subdivision 5-A.

Amendment No. 5: The Senate recedes from this amendment, which is a change in punctuation.

Amendment No. 6: The House recedes from its disagreement to this amendment for the reason that it defines the term "brother" and "sister" so as to include the children of a person in loco parentis to a member of the military or naval forces of the United States.

Amendment No. 7: This amendment relates to persons who come within the class of enemy aliens, conscientious objectors, or deserters, or as guilty of mutiny, treason, spying, or any other offence involving moral turpitude and for willful and persistent misconduct. The present law is not changed in any respect as to these classes, so the House recedes from its disagreement to this amendment.

Amendments Nos. 8, 9, 10, and 11: The House recedes from its disagreement to these amendments, as they merely change the section numbers.

Amendment No. 12: This amendment relates to the payment of family allowances and allotments where no allotment was made during the service of the soldier but should in fact have been made, in case the family relation of the soldier had been correctly represented by him. It provides for the payment of an allotment to the wife notwithstanding the fact that no deductions from the pay of the enlisted man for compulsory allotment in favor of such person had been made, and notwithstanding the further fact that the enlisted man has been discharged from the military or naval forces of the United States. This can probably be taken care of in legislation pertaining to the War Risk Insurance Bureau now pending before Congress, so the House recedes from its disagreement to this amendment.

Amendment No. 13: The House recedes from its disagreement to this amendment as it merely changes the section number.

Amendment No. 14: The House recedes from its disagreement to this amendment, which strikes out the words "involving moral turpitude."

Amendment No. 15: The House recedes from its disagreement to this amendment, as it changes the date when this section shall become operative from October 6, 1917, to April 6, 1917.

Amendment No. 16: The House conferees recede from its disagreement to this amendment, which allows transportation to soldiers, sailors, and marines to and from hospitals.

Amendment No. 17: The House recedes from its disagreement to amendment 17, which strikes from the House text "unless from the records of the Navy Department or War Risk Insurance Bureau it appears that he has applied for insurance in a less sum." This places all those who were lost upon the *Cyclops* on the 4th day of March, 1918, upon the same basis regardless of whether they made application for insurance or not.

Amendment No. 18: The Senate recedes from this amendment which proposed to strike out the House language making section 13 retroactive to October 6, 1917. In other words, the House bill provided that this section should be retroactive to October 6, 1917. The text of the House bill by the action of the Senate in receding from this amendment leaves the measure as it was passed by the House.

Amendments Nos. 19 to 30, inclusive: These amendments are changes of phraseology made necessary by providing that insurance made payable to an estate shall be paid in monthly installments extending over a period of 20 years.

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