

AMENDMENTS TO WORLD WAR VETERANS' ACT, 1924

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Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, from the committee of conference,
submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 13174]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 13174) to amend the World War veterans' act, 1924, as amended, 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 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, and 23.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 8, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, and 25, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 2:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 2 and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: *No suit on yearly renewable term insurance shall be allowed under this section unless the same shall have been brought within six years after the right accrued for which the claim is made or within one year after the date of approval of this amendatory act, whichever is the later date, and no suit on United States Government life (converted) insurance shall be allowed under this section unless the same shall have been brought within six years after the right accrued for which the claim is made; and the Senate agree to the same.*

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STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 13174) to amend the World War veterans' act, 1924, as amended, submit the following written statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the conferees and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

The following amendments make clerical changes, and the House recedes: 8, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, and 25.

Amendment No. 1: This amendment provides that decisions of the director on questions of law, as well as of questions of fact, affecting any claimant to the benefits of Titles II, III, or IV of the World War veterans' act, 1924, as amended, shall be conclusive except as otherwise provided in the act. The effect of this amendment is to prohibit the Comptroller General from reversing decisions of the director on questions of law as well as of fact. The House recedes.

Amendment No. 2: The Senate amendment extended the time for bringing suits on yearly renewable term insurance under section 19 of the World War veterans' act for a period of one year after the date of the approval of the amendatory act, or within three years after final disallowance of the claim by the director, whichever was the later date, and also provided that suits on United States Government life (converted) insurance must be brought within six years after the right accrued for which the claim was made. The House recedes with an amendment retaining the provision with respect to United States Government life (converted) insurance, but limiting the time upon which suits must be brought on yearly renewable term insurance to six years after the right accrued for which the claim was made or one year after the date of the approval of the amendatory act, whichever is the later date.

Amendment No. 3: This amendment provides that in the case of total permanent disability the right of the claimant shall be held to have accrued as of the date fixed by the claimant in his application to the bureau; and the Senate recedes.

Amendment No. 4: This amendment makes a clerical change which was necessary by reason of the new paragraph (relating to compromises of suits) added by amendment No. 5. The Senate having receded on amendment No. 5, it also recedes on this amendment.

Amendment No. 5: This amendment permits the Attorney General with the approval of the court to compromise suits instituted under section 19 of the World War veterans' act, 1924, as amended, in certain cases and provides for the manner of paying judgments entered in accordance with such compromises. The Senate recedes.

Amendments Nos. 6, 7, 9, and 10: These amendments strike out the language which limits the presumption to an "active tuberculosis disease" and substitute merely the word "tuberculosis"; and the Senate recedes.

Amendment No. 11: The Senate amendment strikes out the proviso of the House bill which restricted the application of the provisions of the act to ex-service men who were in the service prior to November 12, 1918, and which provided for the discontinuance after one year of compensation payments to ex-service men who entered the service after such date. The House recedes.

Amendment No. 13: This amendment eliminates the provision restricting the payment of disability allowance to persons who have a permanent disability of 25 per cent or more. The Senate recedes.

Amendment No. 14: This amendment increases the rates in the House bill for payments of disability allowance and also permits payments to be made to veterans who have a 10 per cent degree of permanent disability instead of those having a 25 per cent permanent disability as provided in the House bill. The Senate recedes.

Amendment No. 15: This amendment permits the payment of disability allowance to a veteran suffering from venereal infection incurred during the period of World War service if the veteran entered the service before November 11, 1918, even though the disease was incurred as a result of the veteran's own willful misconduct. The Senate recedes.

Amendments Nos. 16 and 20: These amendments provide that no person shall be paid a disability allowance who is not entitled to an exemption from the payment of a Federal income tax, and that the Secretary of the Treasury, upon request of the director, shall transmit to the director a certificate stating whether the veteran applying for disability allowance is entitled to an exemption from such tax. The Senate recedes.

Amendment No. 21: This amendment in effect extends the payment of extra compensation to persons who suffered the loss of the use of a creative organ or one or more feet or hands to the cases where such loss was the result of injury received in the active service in line of duty between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918. The House recedes.

Amendment No. 22: This amendment substitutes the word "injury" for the word "disability" and was made necessary by amendment No. 21. The House recedes.

Amendment No. 23: This amendment provides that any person once awarded the \$50 statutory award for arrested tuberculosis shall continue to receive it irrespective of any error which may have been made and that any person previously removed from the rolls should be restored as of the date of removal irrespective of error. The Senate recedes.

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