
CREDIT TO THE DISBURSING CLERK OF THE BUREAU OF
WAR RISK INSURANCE.

JULY 14, 1921.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. J. Res. 31.]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 31) authorizing and directing the accounting officers of the Treasury to allow credit to the disbursing clerk of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance in certain cases, having had the same under consideration, report favorably thereon and recommend that the resolution do pass.

The joint resolution has the approval of the Treasury Department, as will appear by the letter attached and which is made a part of this report.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, April 20, 1921.

Hon. BURTON E. SWEET,
House of Representatives.

MY DEAR CONGRESSMAN: With reference to House joint resolution No. 31, introduced April 11, 1921, authorizing and directing accounting officers of the Treasury to allow credit to the disbursing clerk of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance in certain cases, you are advised that this resolution covers the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, and that similar resolutions have been introduced covering the fiscal years 1920 and 1921. The resolution for 1920 was approved February 26, 1919, and the one for 1921 was approved in June, 1920.

The necessity for this legislation was due to the fact that in the payment of insurance the Auditor for the Treasury Department required a certificate to the effect that all premium payments due to the date of death had been paid. It was impossible to make this certificate for the reason that many of the insurance premiums were deducted from the pay of the men in the service and considerable time elapsed before the record of these payments could be received from the War and Navy Departments. It also happened that in many cases, through clerical errors, the premiums were not deducted from the pay of the men.

It is the opinion of this department that if the legislation is not continued for the fiscal year 1922 it will be necessary after June 30, 1921, to withhold payments of insurance now in force in all cases where the insurance premiums have not been fully paid, as the previous resolution only covered the fiscal years 1920 and 1921.

Sincerely, yours,

J. H. MOYLE,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

○