

WAR-RISK INSURANCE.

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Mr. SMITH of Georgia, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 11048.]

Your committee, having had under consideration H. R. 11048, which passed the House of Representatives May 22, 1918, beg leave to report and to recommend its passage with the following amendments:

On page 1, line 3, strike out the words "act entitled," etc., to the word "seventeen," on line 7, and insert the words "war-risk insurance act."

On page 3, line 4, strike out the words "such act as amended by" and all of lines 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, ending with the word "seventeen," beginning line 10, and insert the words "the war-risk insurance act."

On page 4, line 10, after the word "of," strike out the words "such act as amended by" and all of lines 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, ending with the word "seventeen," beginning line 16, and insert the words "the war risk insurance act"; and line 20, after the word "as," strike out the words "it authorizes insurance"; and in line 21 strike out the words "by the United States against loss or damage by risks of war," and insert the words "the Division of Marine and Seamen's Insurance is concerned."

On page 5, line 1, after the word "the," strike out the words "Bureau of War," and in line 2 strike out the word "Risk," and insert "Division of Marine and Seamen's."

On page 1 strike out the title and substitute the words: "An act to amend the war-risk insurance act."

The purpose of these amendments is merely to simplify and clarify the text of the bill as it passed the House, and the amendments do not make any change in the scope or intent of the House bill.

The House bill covers certain amendments to the war-risk insurance act recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury in the following

letter addressed to Judge Sims, chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, under date of March 19, 1918, as follows:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, March 19, 1918.

MY DEAR CONGRESSMAN: The inclosed bill to amend the act of September 2, 1914, establishing the Bureau of War Risk Insurance in the Treasury Department is a measure which has been prepared by the advisory board in the Marine Division of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. It has my full approval, as well as the unanimous recommendation of the advisory board, and I would appreciate your cooperation in having this measure introduced in the House and in securing its passage.

The amendment is intended to accomplish three things: First, to permit the Bureau of War Risk Insurance to insure the vessels of friendly nations when such vessels are chartered or operated by the United States Shipping Board or its agent, or chartered by citizens of the United States, or the cargoes on vessels of friendly nations whether or not they are so chartered; second, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to compromise disputed war-risk insurance claims; third, to extend the authorization which created this bureau for the purposes of the Division of Marine Insurance for the period of the duration of the war, and for six months thereafter, unless sooner suspended by the President.

Very sincerely, yours,

W. G. McADOO, *Secretary.*

