

BUREAU OF WAR RISK INSURANCE.

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

CONFERENCE REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4482.]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 4482) to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the establishment of a Bureau of War Risk Insurance in the Treasury Department," approved September second, nineteen hundred and fourteen, 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 disagreement to the amendment of the House, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by the House insert the following:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second subdivision (4) of section twenty-two of the act entitled "An act to authorize the establishment of a Bureau of War Risk Insurance in the Treasury Department," approved September second, nineteen hundred and fourteen, as amended, relating to the definition of the term "parent," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(4) The term 'parent' includes a father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, father through adoption, mother through adoption, stepfather, and stepmother, either of the person in the service or of the spouse."

SEC. 2. That four new sections are hereby added to Article I of said act, to be known as sections twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, and thirty, respectively, and to read as follows:

"SEC. 27. That whoever shall obtain or receive any money, check, allotment, family allowance, compensation, or insurance under Articles II, III, or IV of this act, without being entitled thereto, with intent to defraud the United States or any person in the military or naval forces of the United States, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$2,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both."

"SEC. 28. That the allotments and family allowances, compensation, and insurance payable under Articles II, III, and IV, respectively,

shall not be assignable; shall not be subject to the claims of creditors of any person to whom an award is made under Articles II, III, or IV; and shall be exempt from all taxation: *Provided, That such allotments and family allowances, compensation, and insurance shall be subject to any claims which the United States may have, under Articles II, III, and IV, against the person on whose account the allotments and family allowances, compensation, or insurance is payable.*

"SEC. 29. That the discharge or dismissal of any person from the military or naval forces on the ground that he is an enemy alien, conscientious objector, or a deserter, or as guilty of mutiny, treason, spying, or any offense involving moral turpitude, or willful and persistent misconduct shall terminate any insurance granted on the life of such person under the provisions of Article IV, and shall bar all rights to any compensation under Article III or any insurance under Article IV.

"SEC. 30. That this act may be cited as the war-risk insurance act."

SEC. 3. That section two hundred of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 200. That the provisions of this article shall apply to all enlisted men in the military or naval forces of the United States, except the Philippine Scouts, the insular force of the Navy, and the Samoan native guard and band of the Navy."

SEC. 4. That the second and third paragraphs of section two hundred and one of said act are hereby amended to read as follows:

"The monthly compulsory allotment shall be \$15. For a wife living separate and apart from her husband under court order or written agreement, or for a former wife divorced, the monthly compulsory allotment shall not exceed the amount specified in the court order, decree, or written agreement to be paid to her, and for an illegitimate child, to whose support the father has been judicially ordered or decreed to contribute, it shall not exceed the amount fixed in the order or decree.

"If there is a compulsory allotment for a wife or child, then a former wife divorced who has not remarried and to whom alimony has been decreed, shall not be entitled to a compulsory allotment, but shall be entitled to a family allowance as hereinafter provided."

SEC. 5. That section two hundred and three of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 203. That in case one-half of an enlisted man's monthly pay is not allotted, regulations to be made by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, respectively, may require, under circumstances and conditions as may be prescribed in such regulations, that any proportion of such one-half pay as is not allotted shall be deposited to his credit, to be held during such period of his service as may be prescribed. Such deposit shall bear interest at the same rate as United States bonds bear for the same period, and, when payable, shall be paid principal and interest to the enlisted man, if living, otherwise to any beneficiary or beneficiaries he may have designated, or if there be no such beneficiary, then to the person or persons who, under the laws of the State of his residence, would be entitled to his personal property in case of intestacy."

"SEC. 6. That the third and fourth paragraphs of section two hundred and four of said act are hereby amended to read as follows:

"Class A. In the case of a man to his wife (including a former wife divorced) and to his child or children—

"(a) If there is a wife but no child, \$15;

"(b) If there is a wife and one child, \$25;

"(c) If there is a wife and two children, \$32.50, with \$5 per month additional for each additional child;

"(d) If there is no wife, but one child, \$5;

"(e) If there is no wife, but two children, \$12.50;

"(f) If there is no wife, but three children, \$20;

"(g) If there is no wife, but four children, \$30, with \$5 per month additional for each additional child;

"(h) If there is a former wife divorced who has not remarried and to whom alimony has been decreed, \$15.

"Class B. In the case of a man or woman to a grandchild, a parent, brother, or sister—

"(a) If there is one parent, \$10;

"(b) If there are two parents, \$20;

"(c) If there is a grandchild, brother, sister, or additional parent, \$5 for each.

"In the case of a woman, the family allowances for a husband and children shall be in the same amounts, respectively, as are payable, in the case of a man, to a wife and children, provided she makes a voluntary allotment of \$15 as a basis therefor, and provided, further, that dependency exists as required in section two hundred and six."

SEC. 7. That section two hundred and six of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 206. That family allowances to members of class B shall be paid only if and while the members are dependent in whole or in part on the enlisted man, and then only if and while the enlisted man makes a monthly allotment of his pay for such members in the following amounts:

"(a) If an enlisted man is not making a compulsory allotment for class A the allotment for class B required as a condition to the family allowance shall be \$15;

"(b) If an enlisted man is making a compulsory allotment for class A the additional allotment for class B required as a condition to the family allowance shall be \$5, or if a woman is making an allotment of \$15 for a dependent husband or child the additional allotment for the other members of class B required as a condition to the family allowance shall be \$5."

SEC. 8. That section two hundred and ten of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 210. That upon receipt of any application for family allowance, the commissioner shall make all proper investigations and shall make an award, on the basis of which award the amount of the allotments to be made by the man shall be certified to the War Department or Navy Department, as may be proper. Whenever the commissioner shall have reason to believe that an allowance has been improperly made or that the conditions have changed, he shall investigate or reinvestigate and may modify the award. The amount of each monthly allotment and allowance shall be determined according to the family conditions existing on the first day of the month."

SEC. 9. That sections four, six, seven, and eight of this act shall take effect on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

SEC. 10. That section three hundred of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 300. That for death or disability resulting from personal injury suffered or disease contracted in the line of duty, by any commissioned officer or enlisted man or by any member of the Army Nurse

Corps (female) or of the Navy Nurse Corps (female) when employed in the active service under the War Department or Navy Department, the United States shall pay compensation as hereinafter provided; but no compensation shall be paid if the injury or disease has been caused by his own willful misconduct: Provided, That for the purposes of this section said officer, enlisted man, or other member shall be held and taken to have been in sound condition when examined, accepted, and enrolled for service: Provided further, That this section, as amended, shall be deemed to become effective as of October sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen."

SEC. 11. That section three hundred and one of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 301. That if death results from injury—

"If the deceased leaves a widow or child, or if he leaves a mother or father either or both dependent upon him for support, the monthly compensation shall be the following amounts:

"(a) If there is a widow but no child, \$25;

"(b) If there is a widow and one child, \$35;

"(c) If there is a widow and two children, \$42.50, with \$5 for each additional child up to two;

"(d) If there is no widow, but one child, \$20;

"(e) If there is no widow, but two children, \$30;

"(f) If there is no widow, but three children, \$40, with \$5 for each additional child up to two;

"(g) If there is a dependent mother (or dependent father), \$20, or both, \$30. The amount payable under this subdivision shall not exceed the difference between the total amount payable to the widow and children and the sum of \$75. This compensation shall be payable for the death of but one child, and no compensation for the death of a child shall be payable if the dependent mother is in receipt of compensation under the provisions of this article for the death of her husband. Such compensation shall be payable whether the dependency of the father or mother or both arises before or after the death of the person, but no compensation shall be payable if the dependency arises more than five years after the death of the person.

"If the death occurs before discharge or resignation from service, the United States shall pay for burial expenses and the return of the body to his home a sum not to exceed \$100, as may be fixed by regulations.

"The payment of compensation to a widow shall continue until her death or remarriage.

"The payment of compensation to or for a child shall continue until such child reaches the age of eighteen years or marries, or if such child be incapable, because of insanity, idiocy, or being otherwise permanently helpless, then during such incapacity.

"Whenever the compensation payable to or for the benefit of any person under the provisions of this section is terminated by the happening of the contingency upon which it is limited, the compensation thereafter for the remaining beneficiary or beneficiaries, if any, shall be the amount which would have been payable to them if they had been the sole original beneficiaries.

"As between the widow and the children not in her custody, and as between children, the amount of the compensation shall be apportioned as may be prescribed by regulation.

"The term 'widow' as used in this section shall not include one who shall have married the deceased later than ten years after the time of injury, and shall include a widower, whenever his condition is such that, if the deceased person were living, he would have been dependent upon her for support."

SEC. 12. That subdivision (1) of section three hundred and two of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(1) If and while the disability is total, the monthly compensation shall be the following amounts:

"(a) If the disabled person has neither wife nor child living, \$30;

"(b) If he has a wife but no child living, \$45;

"(c) If he has a wife and one child living, \$55;

"(d) If he has a wife and two children living, \$65;

"(e) If he has a wife and three or more children living, \$75;

"(f) If he has no wife but one child living, \$40, with \$10 for each additional child up to two;

"(g) If he has a mother or father, either or both dependent on him for support then in addition to the above amounts, \$10 for each;

"(h) If he is totally disabled and in addition so helpless as to be in constant need of a nurse or attendant, such additional sum shall be paid, but not exceeding \$20 per month, as the director may deem reasonable: Provided, however, That for the loss of both feet or both hands or both eyes, or for becoming totally blind or becoming helpless and permanently bedridden from causes occurring in the line of duty in the service of the United States, the rate of compensation shall be \$100 per month: Provided further, That where the rate of compensation is \$100 per month, no allowance shall be made for a nurse or attendant."

SEC. 13. That subdivision (4) of section three hundred and two of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(4) The amount of each monthly payment shall be determined according to the family conditions existing on the first day of the month."

SEC. 14. That two new subdivisions are hereby added to section three hundred and two of said act, to be known as subdivisions (5) and (6), respectively, and to read as follows:

"(5) Where the disabled person and his wife are not living together, or where the children are not in the custody of the disabled person, the amount of the compensation shall be apportioned as may be prescribed by regulations.

"(6) The term 'wife' as used in this section shall include 'husband' if the husband is dependent upon the wife for support."

SEC. 15. That where section three hundred and one of said act is amended by striking out the provisions that a mother is entitled to compensation only when she is widowed and substitute provisions are included to the effect that compensation is payable to a dependent mother or dependent father, such substitute provisions shall be deemed to be in effect as of October sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

SEC. 16. That section three hundred and eleven of said act is hereby repealed.

SEC. 17. That section three hundred and twelve of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 312. That compensation under this article shall not be paid while the person is in receipt of service or retirement pay. The laws providing for gratuities or payments in the event of death in the service and existing pension laws shall not be applicable after the enactment

of this amendment to any person in the active military or naval service on the sixth day of October, nineteen hundred and seventeen, or who thereafter entered the active military or naval service, or to their widows, children, or their dependents, except in so far as rights under any such law have heretofore accrued.

"Compensation because of disability or death of members of the Army Nurse Corps (female) or of the Navy Nurse Corps (female) shall be in lieu of any compensation for such disability or death under the act entitled 'An act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes,' approved September seventh, nineteen hundred and sixteen."

SEC. 18. That section three hundred and thirteen of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 313. (1) That if an injury or death for which compensation is payable under this article is caused under circumstances creating a legal liability upon some person other than the United States or the enemy to pay damages therefor, the director, as a condition to payment of compensation by the United States, may require the beneficiary to assign to the United States any right of action he may have to enforce such liability of such other person, or if it appears to be for the best interests of the beneficiary the director may require him to prosecute the said action in his own name, subject to regulations. The director may require such assignment or prosecution at any time after the injury or death, and the failure on the part of the beneficiary to so assign or to prosecute said cause of action in his own name within a reasonable time, to be fixed by the director, shall bar any right to compensation on account of the same injury or death. The cause of action so assigned to the United States may be prosecuted or compromised by the director, and any money realized or collected thereon, less the reasonable expenses of such realization or collection, shall be placed to the credit of the military and naval compensation appropriation. If the amount placed to the credit of such appropriation in such case is in excess of the amount of the award of compensation, if any, such excess shall be paid to the beneficiary after any compensation award for the same injury or death is made.

If a beneficiary or conditional beneficiary shall have recovered, as a result of a suit brought by him or on his behalf, or as a result of a settlement made by him or on his behalf, any money or other property in satisfaction of the liability of such other person, such money or other property so recovered shall be credited upon any compensation payable, or which may become payable, to such beneficiary, or conditional beneficiary by the United States on account of the same injury or death.

"(2) If an injury or death for which compensation may be payable under this article is caused under circumstances creating a legal liability upon some person, other than the United States or the enemy, to pay damages therefor, then, in order to preserve the right of action, the director may require the conditional beneficiary at any time after the injury or death, to assign such right of action to the United States, or, if it appears to be for the best interests of such conditional beneficiary, to prosecute the said cause of action in his own name, subject to regulations. The failure on the part of the beneficiary to so assign or to prosecute the said cause of action in his own name within a reasonable time, to be fixed by the director, shall bar any right to compensation on account of the same injury or death. The cause of action so assigned may be

prosecuted or compromised by the director, and any money realized or collected thereon, less the reasonable expenses of such realization or collection, shall be paid to such beneficiary, and be credited upon any future compensation which may become payable to such beneficiary by the United States on account of the same injury or death.

"(3) The bureau shall make all necessary regulations for carrying out the purposes of this section. For the purposes of computation only under this section the total amount of compensation due any beneficiary shall be deemed to be equivalent to a lump sum equal to the present value of all future payments of compensation computed as of the date of the award of compensation at four per centum, true discount, compounded annually. The probability of the beneficiary's death before the expiration of the period during which he is entitled to compensation shall be determined according to the American Experience Table of Mortality.

"A conditional beneficiary is any person who may become entitled to compensation under this article on or after the death of the injured person.

"Nothing in this section shall be construed to impose any administrative duties upon the War or Navy Departments."

SEC. 19. That section four hundred and one of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 401. That such insurance must be applied for within one hundred and twenty days after enlistment or after entrance into or employment in the active service and before discharge or resignation, except that those persons who are in the active war service at the time of the publication of the terms and conditions of such contract of insurance may apply at any time within one hundred and twenty days thereafter and while in such service. Any person in the active service on or after the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen, who, while in such service and before the expiration of one hundred and twenty days from and after such publication, becomes or has become totally and permanently disabled, or dies, or has died, without having applied for insurance, shall be deemed to have applied for and to have been granted insurance, payable to such person during his life in monthly installments of \$25 each. If he shall die either before he shall have received any of such monthly installments or before he shall have received two hundred and forty of such monthly installments, then \$25 per month shall be paid to his widow from the time of his death and during her widowhood, or if there is no widow surviving him, then to his child or children, or if there is no child surviving him, then to his mother, or if there is no mother surviving him, then to his father, if and while they survive him: Provided, however, That not more than two hundred and forty of such monthly installments, including those received by such person during his total and permanent disability, shall be so paid. The amount of the monthly installments shall be apportioned between children as may be provided by regulations."

SEC. 20. That section nineteen of this act amending section four hundred and one of the act entitled "An act to authorize the establishment of a Bureau of War Risk Insurance in the Treasury Department," approved September second, nineteen hundred and fourteen, as amended, shall be deemed to be in effect as of October sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen: Provided, That nothing herein shall be construed to interfere with the payment of monthly installments, authorized to be made under the provisions of said section four hundred and one as originally enacted, for the months

up to and including June, nineteen hundred and eighteen: Provided further, That all awards of automatic insurance under the provisions of said section four hundred and one as originally enacted shall be revised as of the first day of July, nineteen hundred and eighteen, in accordance with the provisions of said section four hundred and one as amended by section nineteen of this act.

SEC. 21. That section four hundred and two of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 402. That the director, subject to the general direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall promptly determine upon and publish the full and exact terms and conditions of such contract of insurance. The insurance shall be payable only to a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, brother, or sister, and also during total and permanent disability to the injured person, or to any or all of them. The insurance shall be payable in two hundred and forty equal monthly installments. Provisions for maturity at certain ages, for continuous installments during the life of the insured or beneficiaries, or both, for cash, loan, paid up and extended values, dividends from gains and savings, and such other provisions for the protection and advantage of and for alternative benefits to the insured and the beneficiaries as may be found to be reasonable and practicable, may be provided for in the contract of insurance, or from time to time by regulations. All calculations shall be based upon the American Experience Table of Mortality and interest at three and one-half per centum per annum, except that no deduction shall be made for continuous installments during the life of the insured in case his total and permanent disability continues more than two hundred and forty months. Subject to regulations, the insured shall at all times have the right to change the beneficiary or beneficiaries of such insurance without the consent of such beneficiary or beneficiaries, but only within the classes herein provided. If no beneficiary within the permitted class be designated by the insured, either in his lifetime or by his last will and testament, or if the designated beneficiary does not survive the insured, the insurance shall be payable to such person or persons within the permitted class of beneficiaries as would under the laws of the State of the residence of the insured be entitled to his personal property in case of intestacy. If no such person survive the insured, then there shall be paid to the estate of the insured an amount equal to the reserve value, if any, of the insurance at the time of his death, calculated on the basis of the American Experience Table of Mortality and three and one-half per centum interest in full of all obligations under the contract of insurance."

And the House agree to the same.

T. W. SIMS,
SAM RAYBURN,
JOHN J. ESCH,

Managers on the part of the House.

HOKE SMITH,
J. F. NUGENT,
REED SMOOT,

Managers on the part of the Senate.

STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE.

The Senate concurs in amendment to section 1 by accepting the House provision as to paragraph 4 of section 22 with the amendment striking out the following words: "For the purpose of Articles II and IV only, the term 'parent' shall include also a person who has stood in loco parentis to the enlisted person for a period of not less than five years preceding October sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, or the person's enlistment or entrance into or employment in active service in the military or naval forces."

The Senate concurs in section 2, which adds four new sections to the bill, which are sections 27, 28, 29, and 30.

The Senate concurs in section 3 of the act amending section 200 with an amendment striking out the words, "This section shall be deemed to be in effect as of October sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen."

The Senate concurs in section 6 of the act amending section 204 with the following amendments:

Adding to class A, in the case of a man, the following: "to his wife (including a former wife divorced) and to his child or children."

(These words restore the language of the original act, but were stricken out in the bill as it passed the House.)

Adding to class B, in case of a man or woman, the words, "to a grandchild, a parent, brother, or sister."

(This restores the language of the original act, but the words were stricken out of the act as it passed the House.)

The Senate concurs in section 10, amending section 300 of said act with an amendment inserting the words "in line of duty" and the words "active service" in said section, which restores the language in the original act. And the Senate further concurs in the proviso of the House, which was as follows: "*Provided*, That for the purposes of this section said officer, enlisted man, or other member shall be held and taken to have been in sound condition when examined, accepted, and enrolled for service: *Provided*, That this section as amended shall be deemed to become effective as of October sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen."

The Senate concurs in section 11 amending section 301 of said act, which amendment of the House to the original act strikes out the word "widowed" wherever it occurs before the word "mother," and also adds the father to those who may receive compensation under this section; and the House receded from its amendment, striking out the words, "but no compensation shall be possible if a dependency arises more than five years after the death of the person."

The Senate concurs in section 12, amending section 302 of said act, with the following amendments:

Inserting after the word, "bedridden," the words "from causes occurring in the line of duty in the service of the United States."

Striking out the word "amount" where it occurs in paragraph (h) and inserting in lieu thereof the word "rate."

The Senate concurs in amendment in section 13, amending subdivision 4 of section 302 of said act with an amendment inserting the word "family" before the word "conditions" so that it will read: "(4) The amount of each monthly payment shall be determined according to the family conditions existing on the first day of the month."

The Senate concurs in section 14, which adds two new subdivisions to section 302 of said act, and concurs therein.

The Senate concurs in section 15 with an amendment striking out that part of section 14 which makes it retroactive as to section 302 of said act.

The Senate concurs in section 16, which repeals section 311 of said act.

The Senate recedes from its disagreement to section 17 and concurs in the following amendment which occurs in the Senate bill, making section 312 read as follows:

"SEC. 312. That compensation under this article shall not be paid while the person is in receipt of service or retirement pay. The laws providing for gratuities or payments in the event of death in the service and existing pension laws shall not be applicable after the enactment of this amendment to any person in the active military or naval service on the sixth day of October, nineteen hundred and seventeen, or who thereafter entered the active military or naval service, or to their widows, children, or their dependents, except in so far as rights under any such law have heretofore accrued.

"Compensation because of disability or death of members of the Army Nurse Corps (female) or of the Navy Nurse Corps (female) shall be in lieu of any compensation for such disability or death under the act entitled, 'An act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes,' approved September seventh, nineteen hundred and sixteen."

The Senate concurs in section 18 which amends section 313 of said act with an amendment making section 313 read as follows:

"SEC. 313. (1) That if an injury or death for which compensation is payable under this article is caused under circumstances creating a legal liability upon some person other than the United States or the enemy to pay damages therefor, the director, as a condition to payment of compensation by the United States, may require the beneficiary to assign to the United States any right of action he may have to enforce such liability of such other person, or if it appears to be for the best interests of the beneficiary the director may require him to prosecute the said action in his own name, subject to regulations. The director may require such assignment or prosecution at any time after the injury or death, and the failure on the part of the beneficiary to so assign or to prosecute said cause of action in his own name within a reasonable time, to be fixed by the director shall bar any right to compensation on account of the same injury or death. The cause of action so assigned to the United States may be prosecuted or compromised by the director and any money realized or collected thereon, less the reasonable expenses of such realization or collection, shall be placed to the credit of the military and naval compensation appropriation. If the amount placed to the credit of such appropriation in such case is in excess of the amount of the award of compensation, if

any, such excess shall be paid to the beneficiary after any compensation award for the same injury or death is made.

"If a beneficiary or conditional beneficiary shall have recovered, as a result of a suit brought by him or on his behalf, or as a result of a settlement made by him or on his behalf, any money or other property in satisfaction of the liability of such other person, such money or other property so recovered shall be credited upon any compensation payable or which may become payable to such beneficiary or conditional beneficiary by the United States on account of the same injury or death.

"(2) If an injury or death for which compensation may be payable under this article is caused under circumstances creating a legal liability upon some person to pay damages therefor, then, in order to preserve the right of action, the director may require the conditional beneficiary at any time after the injury or death, to assign such right of action to the United States, or, if it appears to be for the best interests of such conditional beneficiary, to prosecute the said cause of action in his own name, subject to regulations. The failure on the part of the beneficiary to so assign or to prosecute the said cause of action in his own name within a reasonable time, to be fixed by the director, shall bar any right to compensation on account of the same injury or death. The cause of action so assigned may be prosecuted or compromised by the director, and any money realized or collected thereon, less the reasonable expenses of such realization or collection, shall be paid to such beneficiary, and be credited upon any future compensation which may become payable to such beneficiary by the United States on account of the same injury or death.

"(3) The bureau shall make all necessary regulations for carrying out the purposes of this section. For the purposes of computation only under this section, the total amount of compensation due any beneficiary shall be deemed to be equivalent to a lump sum equal to the present value of all future payments of compensation computed as of the date of the award of compensation at four per centum true discount compounded annually. The probability of the beneficiary's death before the expiration of the period during which he is entitled to compensation shall be determined according to the American Experience Table of Mortality.

"A conditional beneficiary is any person who may become entitled to compensation under this article on or after the death of the injured person.

"Nothing in this section to be construed to impose any administrative duties upon the War or Navy Departments."

The Senate recedes from its disagreement to section 19, which amends section 401 of said act.

The Senate recedes from its disagreement to section 20, and concurs with the House.

The Senate recedes from its amendment to section 21, which amends section 402 of said act.

Respectfully submitted.

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JOHN J. ESCH,

Managers on the part of the House.