
APPLICABILITY OF THE PENSION LAWS TO CERTAIN
CLASSES.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10196.]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10196) to provide for the applicability of the pension laws to certain classes of persons in the military and naval services not entitled to the benefits of Article III of the war risk insurance act, as amended, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass without amendment.

The report of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House of Representatives fully explains the necessity for this legislation, and is reprinted herewith as a part of this report.

[House Report No. 682, Sixty-seventh Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill H. R. 10196, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass.

The bill has the approval of the War Department.

Under an act amending the war risk insurance act, which was approved June 25, 1918, section 312 of the war risk insurance act was 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."

Under an act approved August 9, 1921, amending the war risk insurance act, a new section to be known as section 315 was added, which reads as follows:

"Sec. 315. That no person admitted into the military or naval forces of the United States after six months from the passage of this amendatory act shall be entitled to the compensation or any other benefits or privileges provided under the provisions of Article III of the war risk insurance act, as amended."

From the foregoing it will be apparent that all persons admitted into the military and naval forces of the United States after six months from the passage of the act of August 9, 1921, would not be entitled to compensation or any other benefits or privileges provided in Article III of the war risk insurance act or the pension laws. It is the purpose of this act to give to all persons admitted into the military or naval forces after six months from the passage of the act of August 9, 1921, establishing a Veterans' Bureau, the benefits of the pension laws.

It was plain to your committee that any person admitted into the military or naval service after six months from the passage of the act of August 9, 1921, should be entitled to the benefits of the pension laws.

