

Former Resolution
rescinded.
Anne., p. 368.

of said month; and the provisions of the resolution (H. J. Res. 260) entitled "Joint resolution authorizing the payment of salaries of officers and employees of Congress for December, 1919," of this session of the Congress be, and the same are hereby, rescinded.

Approved, December 20, 1919.

December 23, 1919.
[H. J. Res. 266.]
[Pub. Res., No. 24.]

CHAP. 13.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the printing of the bill to consolidate, codify, revise, and reenact the general and permanent laws of the United States.

Revision of the Laws.
Printing of bills, etc.,
for use of House Com-
mittee, authorized.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Committee on Revision of the Laws in the House of Representatives is hereby authorized to print additions and amendments to H. R. 9389, or other bills concerning the same subject, if in its judgment necessary, in the style and form in which said bill is now printed, with such variations thereof as the said committee deems in the interests of efficiency and economy, and to so continue until final enactment thereof in both Houses of the Congress of the United States.

Approved, December 23, 1919.

December 23, 1919.
[S. J. Res. 137.]
[Pub. Res., No. 25.]

CHAP. 14.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of War to construct a pontoon bridge across the Chattahoochee River at West Point, Georgia, and for other purposes.

Chattahoochee
River.
Construction of pon-
toon bridge across, at
West Point, Ga.

Loan of material, etc.

Provisos.
Use permitted.

Expenses of con-
struction, etc.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized in his discretion to construct and maintain a pontoon bridge across the Chattahoochee River at West Point, Georgia, and to loan to the city of West Point, Georgia, without expense of transportation to the Government, the necessary material for such construction now in possession of the War Department and not needed for immediate use: *Provided*, That the use of such bridge as a highway under the supervision, regulation, and control of the duly constituted authorities of said city of West Point, Georgia, is hereby permitted for such time as the Secretary of War shall determine to be necessary: *And provided further*, That all cost of construction shall be borne by the city of West Point, Georgia, and the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to make such rules and regulations for the return of the material to the Government herein authorized to be loaned as he may deem necessary.*

Approved, December 23, 1919.

December 24, 1919.
[S. 3458.]
[Public, No. 103.]

CHAP. 15.—An Act To make gold certificates of the United States payable to bearer on demand legal tender.

Gold certificates.
Made a legal tender.
Vol. 34, p. 1289.

Inconsistent laws re-
pealed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That gold certificates of the United States payable to bearer on demand shall be and are hereby made legal tender in payment of all debts and dues, public and private.

SEC. 2. That all Acts or parts of Acts which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, December 24, 1919.

CHAP. 16.—An Act To amend and modify the War Risk Insurance Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the office of the Commissioner of Military and Naval Insurance and the office of the Commissioner of Marine and Seamen's Insurance created by the War Risk Insurance Act are hereby abolished and the powers and duties pertaining to such offices are hereby transferred to the Director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, who shall hereafter receive a salary at the rate of \$7,500 per annum. Until such time as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct otherwise, and subject to the provisions of section 9 of the War Risk Insurance Act, there shall be in the Bureau of War Risk Insurance a Division of Marine and Seamen's Insurance and a Division of Military and Naval Insurance. All laws inconsistent with this section are hereby so modified as to conform to the provisions hereof.

SEC. 2. That paragraph (b) of the second subdivision (1) of section 22 of the War Risk Insurance Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) A child legally adopted."

SEC. 3. That paragraph (d) of the second subdivision (1) of section 22 of the War Risk Insurance Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(d) An illegitimate child, but, as to the father only, if acknowledged in writing signed by him, or if he has been judicially ordered or decreed to contribute to such child's support, or has been judicially decreed to be the putative father of such child."

SEC. 4. That section 22 of the War Risk Insurance Act is hereby amended by inserting therein immediately following subdivisions (4) and (5), respectively, two new subdivisions to be known as subdivision (4a) and subdivision (5a) and to read as follows:

"(4a) The terms 'father' and 'mother' include stepfathers and stepmothers, fathers and mothers through adoption, and persons who have stood in loco parentis to a member of the military or naval forces at any time prior to his enlistment or induction for a period of not less than one year: *Provided*, That this subdivision shall be deemed to be in effect as of October 6, 1917."

"(5a) The terms 'brother' and 'sister' include the children of a person who, for a period of not less than one year, stood in loco parentis to a member of the military or naval forces of the United States at any time prior to his enlistment or induction, or another member of the same household as to whom such person during such period likewise stood in loco parentis: *Provided*, That this subdivision shall be deemed to be in effect as of October 6, 1917."

SEC. 5. That section 23 of the War Risk Insurance Act is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a new paragraph to read as follows:

"If any person entitled to receive payments under this Act shall be an inmate of any asylum or hospital for the insane maintained by the United States, or by any of the several States or Territories of the United States, or any political subdivision thereof, and no guardian or curator of the property of such person shall have been appointed by competent legal authority, the director, if satisfied after due investigation that any such person is mentally incompetent, may order that all moneys payable to him or her under this Act shall be held in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of such person. All funds so held shall be disbursed under the order of the director and subject to his discretion, either to the chief executive officer of the asylum or hospital in which such person is an inmate, to be used by such officer for the maintenance and comfort of such inmate, subject to the duty to account to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance and to

December 24, 1919.

[H. R. 8778.]

[Public, No. 104.]

War Risk Insurance Act Amendments. Offices in Bureau abolished and powers transferred to Director. Vol. 40, p. 398, amended.

Discretionary continuance of divisions.

Beneficiaries. Vol. 40, p. 401, amended.

"Legally adopted child."

"Illegitimate child." Qualification modified.

"Parents." New subdivisions.

Addition of step-parents, adopted parents, etc. Vol. 40, p. 609, amended.

Proviso. Effective October 6, 1917.

"Brother" and "sister." Child of person in loco parentis included.

Proviso. Effective October 6, 1917.

Payments to insane persons. Vol. 40, p. 402, amended.

To be held in Treasury if no guardian, etc.

Disbursements. To asylum, etc.