hereby amended by substituting a colon for the period at the end thereof and adding the following: "*Provided further*, That until and unless the Veterans' Administration has received from the insured a request in writing for payment in cash, any dividend accumulations and unpaid dividends shall be applied in payment of premiums becoming due on insurance subsequent to the date the dividend is payable after January 1, 1952."

Approved May 18, 1951.

Public Law 37 — CHAPTER 102

May 21, 1951
[H. R. 3297]

AN ACT

To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to appoint a member of the Metropolitan Police Department or a member of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia as Director of the District Office of Civil Defense, and for other purposes.

Director of Office of Civil Defense, D. C. Appointment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to appoint a member of the Metropolitan Police Department or a member of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia to the position of Director of the Office of Civil Defense for the District of Columbia with the pay and salary provided by law for that position chargeable to the appropriation for the Office of Civil Defense for the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That during the tenure of his appointment such member so appointed shall be deemed to be a member of such Police Department or such Fire Department, as the case may be, for all purposes of rank, seniority, allowances, privileges, and benefits, including retirement and disability benefits under the provisions of section 2 of the Act approved September 1, 1916 (38 Stat. 718), as amended, to the same extent as though the appointment had not been made, and at the termination of such appointment he shall be entitled to resume his status within the Metropolitan Police Department or the Fire Department, as the case may be, which shall include any promotion in rank to which he may have become entitled: *Provided further*, That retirement and disability benefits and salary deductions shall be based on the salary of the rank or position held in the Metropolitan Police Department or the Fire Department, as the case may be, prior to his appointment as Director of the Office of Civil Defense or the salary of the position or rank he would have attained in the Metropolitan Police Department or in the Fire Department, had his appointment as Director of the Office of Civil Defense not been made, whichever is greater.

Approved May 21, 1951.

Public Law 38 — CHAPTER 108

May 22, 1951
[H. R. 3336]

AN ACT

To suspend certain import taxes on copper.

53 Stat. 415.
26 U. S. C., Sup. IV § 3425 note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the import tax imposed under section 3425 of the Internal Revenue Code shall