his voice and, at the same time, directing to inquire if the sentry did not recognize. The latter refused, calling out upon the sentry requested that the dome deeded identified the patrol, where-
dark it was properly halted and chal-
lief of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Page.

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regardless of the cause, whether it be in

orderly system of benefits for survivors

posed in H. R. 1315 is additive to the fore-

under laws administered by the Veter-

ments under the Social Security Act and

could qualify for regular monthly pay-

upon a showing of dependency, they

died $10,000 indemnity. In addition,
of monthly benefits from the decedent's

of self conclusively establishes that at the time

of contest against the former collector,

Hannah Mae Powell the sum of $11,-

HANNAH MAE POWELL

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DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 7, 1957.

H. R. 1315: I have withheld my ap-

proval of H. R. 1315 entitled "An act for

the relief of Mrs. Hannah Mae Powell.

The bill would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to pay, out of

any money in the Treasury not otherwise

appropriated, to Mrs. Hannah Mae Pow-

eill, 1900 East Lehigh Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., the sum of $197.95 in

full settlement of all claims of said Mrs.

Hannah Mae Powell for refund of excise
taxes and other expenses sustained as a

result of the actions of the collector of

internal revenue of Philadelphia, Pa., in

the years 1937, 1941, and 1942.

An examination by the Treasury De-

partment of the facts in this case dis-
closes that Mrs. Hannah Mae Powell has

recovered by court action all taxes as-

sessed and collected from her which

were in dispute—plus interest—except

$464.76 which was barred by the expira-
tion of the limitations period.

These taxes which were in dis-

pute were manufacturers' excise taxes.

After a recovery of the taxes, Mrs.

Hannah Mae Powell instituted a dam-

age suit against the former collector,

both individually and as collector of

internal revenue of Philadelphia, Pa.

The district court rendered a judgment in

favor of the former collector and de-
damages to Mrs. Hannah Mae Pow-

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the court of appeals.

The bill, therefore, would give to Mrs.

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by the Federal Courts and which would be
denied all others in similar circum-

stances who do not have the benefit of

special legislation. Furthermore, H. R.

1419 would create an undesirable prece-
dent by allowing damages to be collected

from the United States under these cir-

cumstances.

Under the circumstances, therefore, I

am constrained to withhold my ap-

proval of the bill.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 7, 1957.

PACIFIC CUSTOMS BROKERAGE CO. 

H. R. 1591: I am withholding approval of H.

1951, a bill for the relief of the Pacific Customs Brokerage Co., of De-

troit, Mich.

The proposed legislation would provide for

the payment of $29,502.55 to the bene-

eficiary in full settlement of all claims

against the United States arising out of

an erroneous classification of bale twine

which was imported at Detroit, Mich.,

between May 5, 1950, and February 16, 1951. The collector of customs li-
dated these entries at the rate of 15

percent ad valorem, the rate applicable

under paragraph 1622 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as modified, in accordance

with established and uniform practice

for merchandise of this type. The im-

porter failed to protest this ruling within

60 days after liquidation of the entry.

About a year after the entries had been

liquidated, the Customs Court, in con-

nection with the importation made by

another importer, decided that similar

merchandise was entitled to entry

free of duty under paragraph 1622 of the

Tariff Act. This decision was later af-

firmed by the Court of Customs and Pat-
tent Appeals. This interpretation of the

law had no effect on the classification of

the merchandise in H. R. 1591, since that
duty determination had been made and

had become final and binding.

The Congress has established a regu-

lar procedure for importers to contest

the rate of duty and obtain a judicial de-

termination by the Customs Court of

the correct rate. This judicial review is ob-

served in filing a protest to the collec-
tor's decision within 60 days after it is

made. No protest was filed by the Pa-
cific Customs Brokerage Co. The Con-

gress, in section 514 of the Tariff Act, has

specified that, if protest is not made

within 60 days, the decision of the col-

lector is final and conclusive upon the

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tential inflationary effect upon the econ-

omy or that is so discriminatory. There is

no justifiable reason for making loans at

interest rates below the current mar-

tet available to some veterans and de-

nying them to others.

Help to veterans in the field of hous-
ing is being given effectively with pro-

grams available to all our citizens, vet-

erans and nonveterans alike, through the

coordinated activities of the Housing and

Home Finance Agency. The recent

nationalization of loans and the intro-

duction of the FHA mortgage-insurance

program should make this program available to a

far wider segment of the population, thus

stimulating private home-building ac-

tivity to meet the growing needs.

It is my considered judgment that the

above-mentioned deficiencies of H. R.

4002 are of a magnitude and importance

which preclude my approval of the bill.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 2, 1957.

MR. AND MRS. C. H. PAGE

H. R. 1315: I have withheld my ap-

proval from H. R. 1315, a bill for the re-

lief of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Page.

H. R. 1315 would add to the benefits,
to which the parents have heretofore or

may hereafter become entitled, a further

award in the amount of $14,480.88. To

create such an award in this case would

establish a most undesirable precedent

with respect to other cases involving

service-connected deaths. If this bill

were approved it would be difficult to
deny similar awards to the survivors of

other servicemen who die under a wide

variety of circumstances. To follow such

course would, in my opinion, jeopardize

the entire structure of benefits which has

been built up for the protection of

servicemen's survivors.

I am constrained, therefore, to with-

hold my approval from H. R. 1315.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 7, 1957.

H. R. 1419: I have withheld my ap-

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cumstances.

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am constrained to withhold my ap-

proval of the bill.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 7, 1957.