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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 27, 1885.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MITCHELL, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 838.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 838) granting a pension to Mrs. Lydia S. Huggins, have examined the same, and report:

That the facts in this case are stated in the report of the House Committee on Invalid Pensions (House Report No. 2101) as follows:

Lydia S. Huggins, the beneficiary in the bill, is now seventy-one years of age; is the widow of Alexander Huggins, who deceased about September 5, 1866, and the mother of Rufus A. Huggins, who served as a militiaman in Captain Flandreau's company, Minnesota Militia, in the Indian outbreak in the year 1862. He was wounded at New Ulm Mine, in August of that year, and died from the effects of said wounds on or about December, 1862.

That at and prior to his death the mother was in part supported by labor of the son, who carried on the work of the farm, the father being at that time and since 1858 able to do but little work. Mrs. Huggins applied to the Commissioner of Pensions for pension June 11, 1882, but was rejected, as shown by a letter of the Commission to Hon. Goldsmith W. Hewitt, chairman of the Committee on Pensions, of date May 28, 1884, upon the ground that the soldier was a militiaman, and the claim was not filed and prosecuted to successful issue prior to July 4, 1874, as required by paragraph 3, section 4693 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

It is the judgment of this committee that the lady should be placed upon the pension-roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, and they therefore recommend the passage of the bill.

Your committee recommend the passage of the bill without amendment.