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NANCY SMITH.

MARCH 3, 1890.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DE LANO, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 6073.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6073) granting increase of pension to Nancy Smith, have considered the same and report as follows:

The claimant is a pensioner at \$12 per month under special act of Congress approved February 26, 1889. Said act was accompanied by Senate report 2493, second session Fiftieth Congress, which contains the following statements:

The claimant, Mrs. Nancy Smith, is a daughter of Maj. Charles Fuller, of the Fourth United States Infantry, and who was a gallant officer in the war of 1812 and of the Indian wars immediately preceding. He commenced making history for himself during the prevalence of the Indian troubles and fought with General William H. Harrison through the battles of the Thames and Tippecanoe. He was captured and incarcerated in a Canadian prison hulk for over a year. Mrs. Smith is seventy-two years old; is in very feeble health, and is dependent upon her daily toil for her own and the partial support of an invalid brother, who was a soldier in the Mexican war.

The present bill proposes to increase her pension as the daughter of the said Charles Fuller, late major of the Fourth United States Infantry, and allow her \$25 per month.

Mrs. H. C. Thompson, of Louisville, Ky., makes the following statement under oath:

I know the claimant to be an honest, deserving woman, who has been able to make a living up to the present time when she was stricken down with sickness, and is now in the most feeble and pitiable condition and entirely dependent upon strangers for every want.

Your committee, in view of the claimant's great age, destitution, and serious disability, respectfully recommend that the bill do pass.