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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 17, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 7813.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7813) granting a pension to James H. Walton, have examined the same and report:

The report on which this bill was passed by the House is concurred in, and is as follows:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7813) granting a pension to James H. Walton, have considered the same and report as follows:

The claimant was a private in Captain Lauderdale's company of Tennessee Mounted Militia and served from June 14, 1836, to January 10, 1837, in the Florida Indian war.

In a declaration for pension filed December 26, 1889, the claimant declared that about November, 1836, in Florida, he was thrown from his horse and injured in the small of his back and spine. There was no mention of the alleged injury in the records, however, and the claimant being unable, by reason of the lapse of time, to find anyone who served with him by whom to establish origin in the service, his claim was rejected by the Pension Bureau.

The testimony furnished by the claimant gives a history of disability from injury of back for the past 40 years, and it is shown that he is now unable to perform any manual labor by reason of his injury and old age; he is 73 years old and very poor, it being difficult for him to provide for himself independently of the aid of friends.

In view of the claimant's service and disabilities, your committee are of the opinion that the case is a proper one for relief by special act, and the bill is, therefore, returned with a favorable recommendation.

The bill is reported with an amendment, inserting after "Walton," at the end of the fourth line, the words "late a private in Captain Lauderdale's company of Tennessee Mounted Militia."

And, as so amended, the bill is reported favorably with a recommendation that it do pass.