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G. L. PEASE.

MAY 26, 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 S. 3498.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3498) granting a pension to G. L. Pease, have considered the same and report:

Said bill is accompanied by Senate report No. 744. Your committee adopt the same as their report, and recommend the passage of the bill.

[Senate Report No. 744, Fifty-first Congress, first session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3498) granting a pension to G. L. Pease, have examined the same and report:

This is a bill pension to Gideon L. Pease, a soldier of the Black Hawk war. From the report of the Adjutant-General it appears that he enlisted in Company K, First United States Infantry, January 23, 1829, and was discharged by expiration of term of service at Fort Armstrong, Ill., January 23, 1834.

The Adjutant-General's report closes by saying:

"He is reported as present for duty on all rolls of his company from April 23, 1830, to date of his discharge."

He served in Captain Harney's company. Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis were in the same war, and Zachary Taylor was colonel in command.

Mr. Pease was born in 1806, and is therefore eighty-four years of age. He is now, by reason of his length of years and prostration caused by disease, confined to his bed, and this has been his condition since December, 1889, as shown by sworn testimony in the possession of the committee.

From the testimony of his physician it is evident that he is a great sufferer, and that he requires the constant care of an attendant, and has required such constant care for more than a year.

It is furthermore a fact that he is very poor, and without any resources wherewith to obtain the most ordinary comforts for himself and his aged wife, except the contributions of neighbors, who know him and respect him, not only for his creditable military record, but for his exemplary and consistent life.

In view of his helpless condition, his suffering and poverty, the bill is reported with an amendment, striking out the word "twelve" in line 6 and inserting "twenty-five."

As thus amended the bill is reported favorably with a recommendation that it do pass.