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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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FEBRUARY 20, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. WALTHALL, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT:

[To accompany S. 930.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 930) to require the auditing and payment of the volunteer soldiers who served in the Seminole Indian wars in Florida, and for horses and equipments lost in the service, having considered the same, report as follows:

This bill was referred to the War Department, and from the report hereto attached it seems clear it should not pass, and your committee recommend that it be indefinitely postponed.

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*Auditing and payment of the volunteer soldiers who served in the Seminole Indian wars in Florida, and for horses and equipments lost in the service.*

It is presumed that the soldiers who served in any of the wars of the United States against the Seminole Indians in Florida and who were in the United States service were long since paid for their services, and also for horses and equipments lost in such service.

It is believed that the soldiers intended to be benefited by this bill are those who were called into State service only, and who were not in the United States service. This Department has no records of this class of soldiers and therefore is unable to furnish any information in regard to them. If they were State soldiers, they may have been paid by the State and the State subsequently reimbursed by the United States, but this is a matter not of record in this Department.

It is proper to add that a report upon the same subject (S. 2225, Fifty-second Congress, first session) was furnished the Senate Committee on Military Affairs February 20, 1892.

Respectfully submitted.

F. C. AINSWORTH,

*Colonel, United States Army, Chief Record and Pension Office.*

RECORD AND PENSION OFFICE,  
*War Department, December 20, 1895.*

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

