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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 7, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 826.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 826) granting a pension to Caroline Reed, have examined the same, and report:

A similar bill was introduced during the second session of the Fifty-third Congress and referred to the Committee on Pensions. It was examined, favorably reported, and passed the Senate.

The facts are as follows:

The claimant under this bill, Mrs. Caroline Reed, is the widow of Richard Reed, a soldier of the Florida Seminole war of 1836 and 1842. He was supposed to have served under Gen. D. L. Clinch and in Col. Richard Parische's regiment in said war, although it appears not on record in the War Department.

United States Senator Call, of Florida, appeared before the committee and stated that he knew from the statements of his uncle, Gen. Richard K. Call, who commanded the United States troops in the campaigns against the Indians and Seminoles and Creeks in the war of 1836 and 1842, that Capt. Richard Reed served with him in his campaigns and was in the service and fought at the battle of Wihitlacoochee. He further stated he knew that Mrs. Caroline Reed, the petitioner, is the widow of Richard Reed, and is very aged and destitute, literally without means of support.

Your committee recommend the passage of the bill.

