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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

DECEMBER 18, 1894.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5802.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5802) granting a pension to Pickens T. Reynolds, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted, and the passage of the bill is recommended.

HOUSE REPORT.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5802) granting an increase of pension to Pickens T. Reynolds, have had the same under consideration and respectfully report as follows:

The claimant was a private in Captain Buffington's company of Georgia Volunteers, and served from December 22, 1836, to December 25, 1837, in the Cherokee Indian disturbances of that period.

Mr. Reynolds made application August 10, 1892, for a pension under the Indian-war act of July 27, 1892, and the same was allowed at \$8 per month, which is the highest rating that can be allowed under the act.

The testimony filed in support of the bill shows that Mr. Reynolds is 78 years old, and so disabled by defective sight, disease of kidneys, and other ailments as to be entirely unable to earn a support by manual labor. It is further shown that the claimant's wife is totally blind, and so helpless as to necessitate the employment of someone to attend to her wants. The small pension now drawn by the soldier is totally inadequate to provide the necessaries of life, and it is urged that an increase of the pension is the only method of relief left open to them.

In the light of the foregoing facts your committee recommend the passage of the bill with an amendment striking out the word "twenty" in line 7 and substituting in lieu thereof the word "twelve," so as to grant the same pension as is now allowed by law to the destitute and totally disabled survivors of the war with Mexico and the war of the rebellion.