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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 22, 1895.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5111.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5111) granting a pension to John J. Patman, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on 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. 5111) for the relief of John J. Patman, having had the same under consideration, respectfully submit the following report:

Mr. Patman alleges that he served in the Creek war of 1836 in Capt. W. N. Anderson's company, Third Battalion Georgia Volunteers, and his allegations are borne out by the testimony of Captain Anderson and several comrades. The period of service is shown by these witnesses to have been from June 7 to August 18, 1836.

A search of the records of the War Department fails, however, to show the service, and because of this fact the application for pension under the Indian war act of July 27, 1892, filed by Mr. Patman at the Pension Bureau, was disallowed. There can not, however, be any doubt that the claimant rendered the service, as the testimony of the witnesses above referred to is very direct and positive on this point.

The proof also shows that Mr. Patman is very old (about 80 years) and needy, and in the natural order of things he can not long remain a charge upon the bounty of the Government if the relief prayed for is granted.

The passage of the bill is recommended with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place upon the pension roll the name of John J. Patman, late a private in Capt. William M. Anderson's company, Maj. James Woodss battalion, Georgia Volunteers, in the Indian war of 1836, and allow him a pension rated at \$8 per month."