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SOLOMON HYAMS.

FEBRUARY 13, 1896.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 3932.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2602) granting an increase of pension to Solomon Hyams, have considered the same and report:

Solomon Hyams was a private in Captain Robinson's company, Washington, D. C., Volunteers, and served from June 26, 1836, to December 31, 1836, in the Seminole Indian war.

On October 5, 1882, he filed an application at the Pension Bureau, declaring that while in said service he incurred a rupture from a fall in line of duty. The testimony filed in support of the claim showed that he had been a sufferer from hernia ever since his discharge from the service, but being unable to furnish the required proof as to the circumstances attending the injury his claim was disallowed.

Subsequently, however, he was granted the pension of \$8 per month provided by the Indian war service pension act of July 27, 1892, and he is now in receipt of that sum.

The claimant is now over 90 years old, and in addition to the disabilities incident to that great age, he is suffering from the hernia above mentioned. He is absolutely without any property or income, aside from the pension, and can do nothing whatever to aid in his support. The facts are shown by the affidavit of Dr. T. P. Whaley, of Charleston, S. C., and by the statements of the claimant and others.

There are many precedents for an increased allowance to the aged and destitute veterans of these old wars, and in the light of the facts stated above the passage of the bill is recommended with an amendment striking out the word "fifty," in line 6, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twenty," so as to fix the rating at \$20 per month.