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ISOM GIBSON.

FEBRUARY 2, 1899.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stallings, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the · following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4854.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4854) granting a pension to Isom Gibson, have considered the same and

respectfully report as follows:

The bill is accompanied by Senate Report No. 1457, this session, and the bill is returned with the recommendation that it do pass, amended, however, so as to fix the rate of pension at \$8 per month. This rate was recommended by the Committee on Pensions in the Senate, and is in line with regularly established precedent, but the amendment was voted down and a higher rate allowed than is granted under the general law.

[Senate Report No. 1457, Fifty-fifth Congress, third session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4854) granting a pension to Isom Gibson, have examined the same and report:

The bill proposes to pension Isom Gibson, late of Captain Bateman's company,

Arkansas Mounted Volunteers, at the rate of \$12 per month.

The soldier served from September 30, 1836, to March 30, 1837. On October 13, 1892, he filed a claim in the Pension Bureau under the act of July 27, 1892, which was rejected January 19, 1893, on the ground that he "served in the Sabine or Southwestern disturbances, which service is not provided for in the act of July 27, 1892."

It appears that claimant is about 80 years of age, very feeble, and in destitute circumstances. It also appears that he enlisted for service in Florida against the Iudians, but that for some reason unknown to him his company was assigned to duty at Fort Gibson, Ind. T., to replace the regulars then stationed there, which were sent to

Florida.

Believing that it was the intention of Congress, when the act of July 27, 1892, was passed, to include within its provisions all the survivors of the early Indian wars, this committee, on June 15, 1897, favorably reported the bill (S. 344) to amend an act entitled "An act granting pensions to the survivors of the Indian wars of 1832 to 1842, inclusive, known as the Black Hawk war, Creek war, Cherokee disturbances, and the Seminole war," approved July 27, 1892, and said bill passed the Senate January 14, 1898.

In view of the foregoing facts your committee report the bill back favorably with

the recommendation that it pass, after having been amended as follows: In line 8 strike out the word "twelve" and insert in lieu thereof the word "eight," which is the amount of pension allowed under act of July 27, 1892, which was designed to cover the several Indian wars.