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IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 12, 1849.

Submitted, agreed to, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS, of Mississippi, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of the General Assembly of Arkansas, asking the passage of a law to place the volunteers in all the wars in which the United States have been engaged on the same footing as to the bounty land as those recently engaged in the war with Mexico, have considered the same, and report:

That the great lapse of time and the defective records would render it impossible justly to carry out the purposes of the memorial as to those who served in the earlier wars of the republic; and that the disparity of sacrifices in, and unequal importance of the various wars with foreign nations and with Indian tribes, indicate an impropriety in placing all on the same footing as to grants conferred. It is fair to suppose that the demands of justice, of policy and generosity have been met by those who, cotemporary with the events, were best able to estimate them properly; and, therefore, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is, in the opinion of the Senate, inexpedient to comply with the prayer of the memorialists.