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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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JANUARY 9, 1855.—Ordered to be printed.
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Mr. Shields made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph T. Walker, attorney in fact of Ell. Harrelson, Samuel H. Stevenson, Ezekiel Parish, and Alberti D. Rogers, citizens of Florida, having had the same under consideration, report :

The petitioners state that they were in the service of the United States as members of mounted companies of volunteers during the war with the Seminoles of that State, and lost their horses by unavoidable accidents ; that they applied for indemnity for their losses to the Third Auditor of the Treasury, under the act of August 23, 1842, but, before they were able to produce the evidence required by the department, that act expired.

Congress, in the general law upon this subject, passed March 3, 1849, did not renew the provisions of the act of 1842, and therefore the petitioners apply to Congress for relief.

The committee have carefully examined these claims, with a desire to act finally upon cases which have been for several years before Congress, and conclude that, inasmuch as these petitioners did not avail themselves of the provisions of the act of 1842, which would have afforded them relief, that Congress ought not to recommend any further special legislation on the subject.