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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 5, 1868.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. VAN WINKLE made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. No. 320.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of George Lynch, having had the same under consideration, report:

The petitioner was a soldier of the war of 1812, and served in the Indian campaign of 1819, during which he had both his feet frozen, and having had them amputated, he has ever since been unable to do any hard work. He is now receiving a pension at the rate of eight dollars per month, and he prays for an increase thereof as is provided for in the act of June, 6, 1866. He is an inmate of the "Soldiers' Home," where his pension is retained in aid of his support. Should his pension be increased as now prayed for, he may be able to go to his friends and be no longer a tax upon the "Home." Dr. Lamb, surgeon in attendance, certifies as to the extent of his disability and to his infirmity from age.

The committee, in view of all the circumstances of the case, recommend that his pension be increased in the same manner as if he had been pensioned under the recent pension acts.