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THOMAS JOYCE.

FEBRUARY 8, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 1161.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1161) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Joyce, have considered the same and report:

The claimant was a drummer in Company D, Second United States Infantry, and served from August 30, 1837, to April 30, 1840. During that time he participated in the Florida Indian war, and he is receiving the pension of \$8 per month provided by the Indian war act of July 27, 1892.

The testimony shows that Mr. Joyce is now about 85 years old, wholly disabled for earning a support by manual labor, and in dependent circumstances.

The passage of the bill is recommended with an amendment changing the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Thomas Joyce." Also amend by striking out the words "New York," in line 6, and substituting therefor the words "United States," and by striking out the word "fifty," in line 7, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twelve." Add after the last word the words "the same to be in lieu of the pension now drawn by him."