

PENSIONS AND INCREASE OF PENSIONS TO CERTAIN SOLDIERS AND
SAILORS OF THE REGULAR ARMY AND NAVY, ETC.

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Mr. SELLS, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9281.]

CONFERENCE REPORT.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 9281) granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Regular Army and Navy, and certain soldiers and sailors of wars other than the Civil War, and to widows of such soldiers and sailors, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 4, 22, 28, 30, 34, 35, 40, 50, 55, 57, 61, 66, 79, 83, 85, 92, 98, 99, 102, 106, 112, 113, 127, 130, 142, 148.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56, 58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 80, 81, 82, 84, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 93, 95, 96, 97, 100, 101, 103, 104, 105, 107, 108, 109, 110, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 128, 129, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 139, 140, 141, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 2:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 2, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out insert: *The name of Jasson Adkins, late of Company D, Fourteenth Regiment United States In-*

fantry, Regular Establishment, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$17 per month; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 12:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 12, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out insert: The name of Martha E. Waldsmith, widow of William A. Waldsmith, late of Twenty-first Company, United States Coast Artillery Corps, Regular Establishment, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per month, and \$2 per month additional on account of each of the minor children of said William A. Waldsmith until they reach the age of sixteen years; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 20:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 20, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out insert: The name of Ethel A. Kane, widow of William M. Kane, late of the United States Navy, Regular Establishment, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per month and \$2 per month additional on account of the minor child of said William M. Kane until she reaches the age of sixteen years; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 21:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 21, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out insert: The name of Fanny Weill, widow of Julius Weill, late of Battery M, Fifth Regiment United States Artillery, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per month, and \$2 per month additional on account of each of the minor children of said Julius Weill, until they reach the age of sixteen years; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 33:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 33, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out insert: The name of Susan J. Purcell, widow of John J. Purcell, late of Company F, Twenty-first Regiment United States Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per month and \$2 per month additional on account of each of the minor children of said John J. Purcell, until they reach the age of sixteen years; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 78:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 78, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out insert: The name of Katherine G. Manning, widow of Michael Manning, late of the United States Navy, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per

month, and \$2 per month additional on account of each of the minor children of said Michael Manning until they reach the age of sixteen years; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 94:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 94, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out insert: *The name of Sarah J. Holley, widow of Charles W. Holley, late of Tenth Company, United States Coast Artillery, and Company M, First Regiment United States Artillery, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per month, and \$2 per month additional on account of each of the minor children of said Charles W. Holley, until they reach the age of sixteen years; and the Senate agree to the same.*

Amendment numbered 111:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 111, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out insert: *The name of Alice F. Travis, widow of Charles T. Travis, late of the United States Navy, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per month and \$2 per month additional on account of each of the minor children of said Charles T. Travis, until they reach the age of sixteen years; and the Senate agree to the same.*

Amendment numbered 114:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 114, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out insert: *The name of Christine E. Geiger, widow of Austin Geiger, late of the Fortieth and Eighty-fifth Companies, United States Coast Artillery Corps, Regular Establishment, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per month, and \$2 per month additional on account of the minor child of said Austin Geiger, until she reaches the age of sixteen years; and the Senate agree to the same.*

Amendment numbered 131:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 131, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out insert: *The name of Mary Michel, widow of John N. Michel, late of Company A, Twelfth United States Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per month, and \$2 per month additional on account of the minor child of said John N. Michel, until she reaches the age of sixteen years; and the Senate agree to the same.*

Amendment numbered 138:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 138, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out insert: *The name of Anna M. Neill, widow of Jesse A. Neill, late of Company E, Eleventh Regi-*

ment, United States Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per month, and \$2 per month additional on account of each of the minor children of said Jesse A. Neill until they reach the age of sixteen years; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 155:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 155, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out insert: The name of Bridget Reynolds, widow of James C. Reynolds, late of Company F, Thirty-fifth Regiment Michigan Infantry, and Company H, Forty-second Regiment United States Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per month, and \$2 per month additional on account of each of the minor children of said James C. Reynolds, until they reach the age of sixteen years; and the Senate agree to the same.

SAM R. SELLS,

EDGAR R. KIESS,

Managers on the part of the House.

P. J. McCUMBER,

REED SMOOT,

Managers on the part of the Senate.

STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE.

The House recedes from amendments Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31, 32, 35, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56, 58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 80, 81, 82, 84, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 93, 95, 96, 97, 100, 101, 103, 104, 105, 107, 108, 109, 110, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 128, 129, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 139, 140, 141, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161.

These are cases in which it is believed that either the provision of the act of May 1, 1920 (commonly known as the Fuller bill), and the act of June 5, 1920 (commonly known as the Sells bill), will give relief or where they were simply corrections made by the Senate committee, except amendment No. 116, which the House conferees agreed to, the beneficiary having been pensioned by special act less than a year ago.

The items stricken from the bill in the above amendments are as follows:

This bill is a substitute for the following House bills referred to said committee:

H. R. 601, David S. Williams; H. R. 628, Joseph McClure; H. R. 656, Jesse A. R. Forbes; H. R. 668, Patrick H. Madigan; H. R. 672, Frank Shaw; H. R. 779, Otto M. Payton; H. R. 951, John McGinley; H. R. 970, George W. Turner; H. R. 971, George W. Oblisk; H. R. 982, Mary J. Paek; H. R. 986, David M. Allen; H. R. 1022, Chester E. Green; H. R. 1257, Eddie E. Sterrett; H. R. 1298, Bernard M. Stanton; H. R. 1783, Horace G. Pope; H. R. 1793, Annie M. Wood; H. R. 1832, Claude H. Dean; H. R. 1884, John Coffey; H. R. 1931, Edward S. Coffin; H. R. 2773, Louis B. Smith; H. R. 2817, Philip E. Hartman; H. R. 3026, James W. Duty; H. R. 3069, Isaac N. Troutman; H. R. 3221, Elmer Wagar; H. R. 3269, George C. Hazeltine; H. R. 4018, Michael Mulvoy; H. R. 4361, Charles Brubaker; H. R. 4537, John A. Kennepohl; H. R. 4710, James F. Mitchell; H. R. 4905, Howard H. Long; H. R. 4918, John W. Paulus; H. R. 4961, Simon P. Kieffer; H. R. 5056, Charley Douthitt; H. R. 5071, Casey A. Cox; H. R. 5088, James L. Doris; H. R. 5091, Frank A. Morton; H. R. 5192, Anson B. Countryman; H. R. 5351, Eugene E. Clark; H. R. 5379, Thomas H. Ivers; H. R. 5388, Robert A. Carnegie; H. R. 5488, Eugene Johnson; H. R. 5689, August J. Griesbach; H. R. 5969, Thomas L. Fevon; H. R. 5974, Otto O. Yaap; H. R. 6072, Martin Tepper; H. R. 6084, Robert Noble; H. R. 6191, James Prosek; H. R. 6195, George H. Haverkato; H. R. 6199, Samuel M. Doets; H. R. 6259, George H. Bruckner; H. R. 6262, Michael Long; H. R. 6387, Nathaniel J. Stonecipher; H. R. 6406, Maria Louise Richardson; H. R. 6607, John E. Tingley; H. R. 6609, Floyd B.

Daugherty; H. R. 6693, David U. Denind; H. R. 6723, William E. Warren; H. R. 6831, George W. Malin; H. R. 6844, John Moloney; H. R. 6900, Simeon D. Morrison; H. R. 6984, James F. Romines; H. R. 6985, Jesse W. Beam; H. R. 7032, Harry Patterson; H. R. 7078, John H. Page; H. R. 7131, Leroy F. Moore; H. R. 7136, Isaac M. Conley; H. R. 7223, James T. Brown; H. R. 7313, Adam E. Haughn; H. R. 7330, Joseph W. Nolen; H. R. 7334, Daniel J. Breshahan; H. R. 7339, Edward J. Davis; H. R. 7454, Dalbert Gray; H. R. 7503, Annie E. Arnold; H. R. 7512, Edward E. Henton; H. R. 7513, Charles W. Lanaham; H. R. 7518, John J. Mitchell; H. R. 7524, Carl C. Dunham; H. R. 7525, Andrew Kravets; H. R. 7549, Robert H. Roberts; H. R. 7550, Daniel B. Yeaple; H. R. 7556, Pierre L. Carmouche; H. R. 7568, John B. Peters; H. R. 7570, Emma S. Norton; H. R. 7603, William D. Craft; H. R. 7604, Thomas J. Reynolds; H. R. 7728, Charles W. Streeter; H. R. 7806, Joseph Flewelling; H. R. 7848, William Soybold; H. R. 7873, Walter E. Harris; H. R. 8008, Frances T. Denton; H. R. 8057, Elizabeth C. Bell; H. R. 8097, Simon P. Parrish; H. R. 8150, Daniel P. Myers; H. R. 8295, Noel M. Pursley; H. R. 8307, William Edwards; H. R. 8321, John F. Mulhall; H. R. 8332, Lester D. Parkton; H. R. 8368, William C. Shaffer; H. R. 8563, Michael W. Hurley; H. R. 8602, Benjamin F. Lamkin; H. R. 8644, Fritz Hintermeier; H. R. 8713, Donald E. Leslie; H. R. 8788, Peter W. Weber; H. R. 8814, Jefferson C. Smith; H. R. 8830, Walter L. Jewell; H. R. 8982, Edward J. Oeding; H. R. 8983, Robert S. Peterson.

The Senate recedes from its amendments, striking out the following cases:

No. 4. John F. Campbell (H. R. 641). The beneficiary was allowed \$17 per month by special act in 1910. The increase to \$24 appears justifiable.

No. 22. Orville G. Willett (H. R. 1763). This man has leprosy. He was exposed to it in the Philippines. He is in quarantine now on account of the disease. The doubts are resolved in his favor, and the pension of \$50 per month recommended by the House is approved.

No. 28. Irving Wohl (H. R. 1963). The increase in this case from \$8 to \$12 per month appears justifiable in view of the fact that disease of lungs has been accepted by the Bureau of Pensions as due to service.

No. 30. Sarah E. Kiplinger (H. R. 2765). The claimant's husband served during the time of the early Indian Wars and she is 80 years of age. A pension of \$12 per month appears to be justifiable.

No. 34. Charles T. Durand (H. R. 2990). This man had the required service during certain Indian campaigns and if he had reached the age of 62 years he would get \$20 per month at the Pension Bureau. It is believed the committee is justified in waiving the few years in the age requirements.

No. 35. Charles P. Michener (H. R. 3008). The evidence fairly well shows that part of claimant's disabilities are due to his service. A pension of \$12 per month appears to be justifiable.

No. 40. Pleasant D. Cooper (H. R. 3599). The beneficiary is over 70 years of age and was treated in service for malaria and still has

malarial symptoms. The proposed pension of \$12 per month appears to be warranted.

No. 50. Schuyler C. Pool (H. R. 5058). The beneficiary has to use a wheel chair in going from place to place and in order to walk has to use two canes. The increase of pension to \$36 per month appears to be justifiable.

No. 55. Robert S. Parker (H. R. 5197). The Fuller bill enacted May 1, 1920, will probably allow this soldier a rate of \$50 per month, but there may be a question, and as he was wounded during the War with Spain, beside serving in the Civil War, the rate of \$50 per month recommended by the House is approved.

No. 57. Harry Noel (H. R. 5366). The beneficiary was treated in service for the headache and facial neuralgia. This was followed since service by disease of eyes. The small pension of \$12 per month appears to be justifiable.

No. 61. James W. Mitchell (H. R. 5595). The soldier had almost seven years service in Signal Corps, United States Army, before serving in the War with Spain. His disabilities, when considered with the record of treatment in service, appear to be largely due to his Army service, and the rate of \$24 per month proposed is approved.

No. 66. Thomas D. O'Shea (H. R. 5976). The beneficiary might receive relief at the Pension Office under the act of June 5, 1920, but there is some doubt, so the case is approved.

No. 79. Charles M. Fink (H. R. 6480). The soldier served nearly three years and was then discharged on account of neurasthenia or nervousness, which it was stated existed prior to enlistment. It is believed the Government should be held to account in part for enlisting the man, as his condition appears to have been aggravated, so the pension of \$12 per month is approved.

No. 83. Edward Hinman (H. R. 6713). The beneficiary is 79 years of age. He is pensioned as an Indian war soldier at \$20 per month. The proposed increase to \$30 per month is justifiable.

No. 85. William A. Waggoner (H. R. 6733). The beneficiary might be able to obtain relief at the Bureau of Pensions under act of June 5, 1920. There is some doubt, however, and the bill as passed by the House is approved.

No. 92. John T. Griggs (H. R. 6884). The son of the beneficiary died in the service of his country. The father has four small, motherless children to rear. It is believed that the small pension of \$12 per month is proper, notwithstanding the income from the beneficiary's labor.

No. 98. Jane C. A. Porter (H. R. 7060). It is believed to be proper to waive the required 60 days' service for the allowance of this Mexican War widow's pension at the rate of \$25 per month in view of the fact that soldier only lacked one day of having the necessary 60 days.

No. 99. James I. Sloan (H. R. 7061). It appears that this soldier should never have been enlisted, but as he was accepted for service the small pension of \$12 per month appears justifiable.

No. 102. Kate B. Horan (H. R. 7129). The beneficiary is afflicted with asthma, disease of heart, and varicose veins of both legs, and is unable to work. She is pensioned as the widow of an Indian War soldier. An increase of pension to \$20 per month seems to be warranted.

No. 106. Lillie P. Hinman (H. R. 7284). In this case the beneficiary is pensioned at the rate of \$12 per month as a contract nurse in the War with Spain. She is in poor financial condition and afflicted with malaria contracted in Cuba. The increase to \$20 per month appears to be justified.

No. 112. Anna O'Brien (H. R. 7389). If the husband of beneficiary were living, he would now have a pensionable status under the act of June 5, 1920. His widow would appear to be entitled to similar treatment, so the pension in this case of \$12 per month is approved.

No. 113. William E. Gault (H. R. 7420). This man will probably receive \$30 per month at the Bureau of Pensions under act of June 5, 1920, but of this there is some doubt, so the increase of pension to \$24 per month, as recommended by the House, is approved.

No. 127. Tebitha E. Cummings (H. R. 7579). The soldier's service as cavalryman probably had to do with subduing hostile Indians. He was pensioned in his lifetime for deafness contracted in service. A pension of \$12 per month to the widow is warranted.

No. 130. John H. Henry (H. R. 7668). The soldier had only 77 days' service during the War with Spain. He was discharged for disability. His present condition may be in part due to his service, so the rate of \$12 per month proposed appears justifiable.

No. 142. William O'Bryan (H. R. 8046). The beneficiary is pensioned under the general law for malarial poisoning. He is unable to earn a living for his family, which consists of a wife and six children. An increase of pension to \$24 per month appears to be warranted.

No. 148. Elizabeth A. Shull (H. R. 8309). The late husband of the beneficiary served in the early Indian Wars. She is nearly 70 years of age and badly afflicted with rheumatism and other infirmities, and has no property. An increase of pension to \$20 per month as proposed appears to be warranted.

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