

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. 7775.]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 7775) 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 1, 8, 12, 16, 18, 19, 26, 28, 29, 30, 42, 43, 48, 67, and 73.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, and 74, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 5:

That the House recedes from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 5, and agrees to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out insert:

*The name of Sophie Reimuller, widow of George Reimuller, late of Company C, Forty-seventh Regiment, New York 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 the said George Reimuller, until he reaches the age of 16 years.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 63:

That the House recedes from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 63, and agrees to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out insert:

*The name of Jean N. Roach, widow of Ernest S. Roach, late first lieutenant of Company A, First Regiment Oklahoma Infantry, National Guard, border defense, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$17 per month and \$2 per month additional on account of each of the minor children of the said Ernest S. Roach until they reach the age of 16 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 numbered 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, and 74.

These are cases in which it is believed that either the provisions of 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. 47, where the amount was increased by the Senate from \$17 to \$24, and amendment No. 50, which the House conferees agreed to, the case being considered of very doubtful merit.

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

H. R. 611, James L. Buekler; H. R. 675, Charles W. Van Scoyk; H. R. 920, Carson Rummel; H. R. 921, John Bohntinsky; H. R. 1506, Charles Voos; H. R. 1732, Ernest Meyer; H. R. 1842, Marion P. Barnett; H. R. 1844, Joseph Roddy; H. R. 1847, John C. Graves; H. R. 1849, Schuyler Van Tassell; H. R. 1980, John J. Burke; H. R. 1998, John C. Koepplinger; H. R. 1999, Albert Beehler; H. R. 2447, William McBride; H. R. 2457, Wynn M. Mays; H. R. 2459, George W. Chandler; H. R. 2465, Walter Scott McQuaide; H. R. 2743, Barton E. Connor; H. R. 2751, Peter Beebe; H. R. 2826, Floyd J. Gaines; H. R. 2830, Joseph A. Beckmeyer; H. R. 2833, George F. Swob; H. R. 3071, Andrew J. Pohlman; H. R. 3208, Robert G. Phinney; H. R. 3266, Ulysus G. Hunt; H. R. 3268, Wilen Whalin; H. R. 3582, Clem. S. Kirkham; H. R. 3600, Howard M. Blankenship; H. R. 3606, James J. Shortell; H. R. 4015, John E. Schilling; H. R. 4021, Miller Kincaid; H. R. 4535, Fred J. Jahrries; H. R. 4536, George E. Lovin; H. R. 4544, Daniel B. Reddecks; H. R. 4734, William Mendenhall; H. R. 4960, Louis N. Hickey; H. R. 5075, Gilbert E. Donnell; H. R. 5106, Willard Kolp; H. R. 5196, Nathaniel Singletary; H. R. 5371, John Alford; H. R. 5776, William J. Linn; H. R. 6382, Cosam Julian Bartlett; H. R. 6482, Clemson Underwood; H. R. 6488, James E. Householder; H. R. 6734, George W. Willets; and H. R. 7515, Starling N. Caron.

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

No. 1. Hannah J. Clark (H. R. 574). The evidence filed shows that claimant is over 72 years of age, owns no property, is physically unable to work, and has no income but her pension, and it is believed the increase of pension to \$20 per month is warranted.

No. 8. Rebecca Strouther (H. R. 949). This claimant is pensioned as a dependent mother of a soldier who served as a volunteer in the War with Spain at the rate of \$12 per month. The evidence shows she is about 78 years of age, almost helpless physically, and has no income but her pension and what neighbors give her. An increase of pension to \$20 per month appears to be warranted.

No. 12. Maria Kuehn (H. R. 1839). Pensioner is receiving \$12 per month as the widow of an Indian war soldier. Evidence shows that she is over 75 years of age, very feeble, and has no income but her pension. An increase of pension to \$20 per month appears to be justifiable.

No. 16. William E. Sloane (H. R. 1848). The son of claimant served during the entire period of the War with Spain, Philippine insurrection, and Chinese boxer uprising. While his death from disease of lungs was not accepted as due to service by the Bureau of Pensions, the evidence may be accepted by the committee as showing such to be a fact. The claimant is shown to be deaf and dumb and nearly 70 years of age. The facts presented appear to warrant a pension of \$20 per month.

No. 18. Samuel W. Van Riper (H. R. 1858). The soldier served during certain Indian campaigns, but not in the zone of hostilities. He claims to have been wounded while in a skirmish with Indians. He is 84 years of age, and a pension of \$12 per month appears to be justifiable.

No. 19. Reinhard Anschuets, alias Charles Reinhard (H. R. 1908). Soldier is pensioned as an Indian war soldier at the rate of \$20 per month. Evidence submitted shows that he requires the personal aid and attendance of another person. An increase of pension to \$30 per month appears to be justified.

No. 26. Martha Tyler (H. R. 2460). Claimant's first husband served in the early Indian wars, but as she remarried she has no title to pension in the Bureau of Pensions. She is 80 years of age, owns no property, and has no income. A pension of \$20 per month does not appear to be excessive in this case.

No. 28. Narcissa A. Grant (H. R. 2474). This claimant is a remarried widow of a Mexican War soldier whose last husband is dead. She is over 80 years of age and owns no property. Many precedents warrant the allowance of \$20 per month.

No. 29. Lizzie Eaton Webster (H. R. 2475). As soldiers who served during the War with Spain are pensioned for disabilities not due to service by the act of June 5, 1920, it appears justifiable to now pension their widows, so a pension of \$12 per month in this case is deemed justifiable.

No. 30. Thomas S. Garen (H. R. 2476). It is believed that a part of claimant's disabilities were contracted in service on the evidence submitted, and a pension of \$12 per month appears to be warranted.

No. 42. Caroline M. Anthony (H. R. 3270). Claimant contracted malaria in the service as a contract nurse. She is highly commended by Surg. Gen. Gorgas for services she performed. She is in a pitiable condition physically and financially. An increase of pension to \$30 per month appears justifiable.

No. 43. William H. Brane (H. R. 3503). The evidence in the case is sufficiently strong to show that at least part of claimant's disa-

bilities are due to his Army service, and the pension recommended by the House appears to be warranted.

No. 48. William B. Hendrick (H. R. 3841). This claimant now has status for pension under act of June 5, 1920, but there are reasons for believing that he might not be pensioned on technical grounds, hence approval of the bill is acceded to.

No. 67. Mary Kirk (H. R. 6408). This is a case of a remarried widow of a Mexican War soldier. Her last husband is dead. She is 86 years of age, owns no property, and has no income. There are many precedents for the allowance of \$20 per month, as recommended in this case.

No. 73. George S. Jenkins (H. R. 6986). Soldier is about 70 years of age and by reason of general infirmities is wholly unable to perform labor and has no income but his pension of \$20 per month as an Indian war soldier. The increase to \$30 per month seems justifiable.

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