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JOHN MELVILLE

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Mr. WALSH of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Finance,  
submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany S. 2528]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2528) to extend the benefits of the World War veterans' act, 1924, as amended, to John Melville, having considered the same report it back to the Senate and recommend that the bill do not pass.

The purpose of this bill is to extend the benefits of the World War veterans' act, of 1924, as amended July 3, 1930, to John Melville, a private in the District of Columbia National Guard, in the same manner and to the same extent as if his disabilities were acquired in the World War.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

This bill is identical with similar bills introduced in the Seventieth and Seventy-first Congresses. Reports submitted to the Finance Committee on May 17, 1929, by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs were to the effect that no record of John Melville was on file at the Veterans' Bureau. From that time to the present no report of the military service of John Melville has been submitted to the Veterans' Bureau or to the Finance Committee of the Senate, before which the committee the bill has been pending for three Congresses. Further information presented to the committee is to the effect that at the present time no record is on file at the Veterans' Bureau to show that John Melville has ever presented a claim for any benefits and that the status of his case has not changed since May 27, 1929, when the first relief bill was presented.

The report of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is as follows:

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,  
Washington, January 19, 1932.

Hon. REED SMOOT,  
*Chairman Committee on Finance,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR SMOOT: Reference is made to your letter of January 11, 1932, transmitting a copy of S. 2528, a bill to extend the benefits of the World War veterans' act, 1924, as amended, to John Melville, requesting a report thereon.

This bill is identical with S. 5273, Seventieth Congress, second session, which was the subject of my letter to you dated January 26, 1929, and with S. 187, Seventy-first Congress, first session, on which a report was furnished you May 17, 1929.

The records of this administration fail to show that John Melville, referred to herein, ever presented a claim for any benefits, and I am, therefore, not in possession of information on which to base a report on this bill.

The status of the case has not changed since May 17, 1929.

A copy of this letter is inclosed for your use.

Very truly yours,

FRANK T. HINES, *Administrator.*

