REPORT No. 239

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO EXCHANGE CERTAIN PROPERTY AT TUSKEGEE, ALA.

March 30 (legislative day, March 28), 1939.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. George, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1088]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1088) to authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to exchange certain property located at Veterans' Administration facility, Tuskegee, Ala., title to which is now vested in the United States, for certain property of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, having had the same under consideration, report it back to the Senate without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the proposed legislation is fully explained in a letter addressed to the President of the Senate by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, which is attached hereto and made a part of this

report.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION, Washington, January 20, 1939.

The President of the Senate, The Capitol, Washington, D. C.

Sir: There is transmitted herewith a draft of a bill to authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to exchange certain property located at Veterans' Administration facility, Tuskegee, Ala., title to which is now vested in the United States, for certain property of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, with the request that it be referred to the appropriate committee of the United States Senate in order that it may be introduced and pressed for passage at an early date.

The Veterans' Administration facility at Tuskegee, Ala., requires additional land in order to establish an athletic field which will be close to the main buildings of the hospital. The present athletic field is too small and not conveniently located. The Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute has agreed to donate 7½ acres of ground to the Veterans' Administration in exchange for a small parcel of ground containing 1.24 acres. The 1.24 acres which it is proposed to transfer to the institute is of no use to the Veterans' Administration. It is separated from the reservation by a highway and can be disposed of without inconvenience. The enclosed blue-print plat portrays this proposal.

The Director of Procurement, Treasury Department, on October 13, 1938, gave clearance for exchange of lands in question pursuant to the provisions of section F of the regulations governing the operation of the Procurement Division, Branch of Supply, approved by the President under date of April 12, 1935. Under date of January 12, 1939, the Acting Director, Bureau of the Budget, advised that there would be no objection to a submission of this proposed legislation to the Congress.

Respectfully,

FRANK T.-HINES, Administrator.

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