

GRANTING AN EASEMENT IN CERTAIN LANDS OF THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION TO DALLAS COUNTY, TEX.

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 530]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 530) authorizing the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to grant an easement in certain lands of the Veterans' Administration, Dallas, Tex., to Dallas County, Tex., for highway purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The enactment of this legislation was requested by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, and the Bureau of the Budget has no objection to its consideration. It proposes to grant an easement in certain lands of the Veterans' Administration, Dallas, Tex., to Dallas County for highway purposes. Apparently the land covered by the right-of-way will not be needed for veterans' facility purposes, and construction of the roadbed will be of benefit to the veterans' facility. The letter of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs explaining the proposal in detail follows:

JULY 8, 1944.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,
The Capitol, Washington, D. C.

SIR: There are transmitted herewith two copies of a draft of a bill authorizing the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to grant an easement in certain lands of the Veterans' Administration, Dallas, Tex., to Dallas County, Tex., for highway purposes, with the request that it be referred to the appropriate committee of the Senate in order that it may be introduced and enacted into law. There are also enclosed two copies of a black-and-white print showing the location of the land described in the bill.

There was an occasionally traveled road, unimproved, but marked by a few drainage structures along the boundary when the property was acquired by the Veterans' Administration. Its location is shown on the county road map. The road forms a connection between Honey Springs Road and Ledbetter Drive, and it is indicated that the county authorities expect it will develop into an important

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connection with the downtown section of Dallas, Tex. The county proposes to construct a gravel or rock base 20 feet wide at this time and ultimately to place a bituminous pavement 18 feet wide upon it.

It does not appear that the land covered by the right-of-way will be needed for facility purposes. Construction of a roadbed with suitable side ditches and drainage structures will assist in the control of surface water in the area, which is naturally marshy, and will be of benefit to the facility. The Veterans' Administration has issued a revocable license for use of the land in question pending the enactment of legislation authorizing transfer of title, which license has been accepted by the county.

The property in question has been cleared for disposition pursuant to the real estate section of Regulations Governing the Operation of the Branch of Supply, Procurement Division, Treasury Department, approved by the President April 12, 1935.

Advice has been received from the Bureau of the Budget that there would be no objection by that office to the submission of this proposed legislation to the Congress for its consideration.

Respectfully,

FRANK T. HINES, *Administrator.*

