

AUTHORIZATION TO CONVEY CERTAIN LAND TO THE CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TENN.

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

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2580]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2580) to authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to convey a certain tract of land in the State of Tennessee to the city of Johnson City, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill, as amended, do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

On line 1 of page 2, strike out "11-D" and insert "11-E".

On line 16 of page 3, after "United States", add the following sentence:

The deed shall reserve to the United States the interests in fissionable material as provided in Executive Order 9908, dated December 5, 1947.

The first amendment is to make the description of the property consistent throughout the bill. The second amendment reserves to the United States all interest in fissionable material which might be found there at any future date.

GENERAL STATEMENT

This bill authorizes the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to convey a tract of land (about 32 acres) to the city of Johnson City, Tenn., for use as a fair grounds and for other recreational purposes. The tract to be conveyed is approximately 1 mile beyond the city limits of Johnson City. It is unimproved land, across a highway from the main body of the Veterans' Administration Center at Mountain Home. The Veterans' Administration states that it is not now using this land, nor has it any plans for its future use.

Your committee is advised that if this bill is enacted the Washington County Fair Association, a nonprofit organization, plans to develop the ground as a permanent site for the annual county fair and as a recreational center for the young people of the community.

The Veterans' Administration estimates the value of the tract at approximately \$16,000.

The conveyance of the tract would contain a provision that if, within 20 years, the tract should cease to be used for fair grounds and recreational purposes or an attempt should be made to alienate it, all or part of the tract may revert to the United States, at the option of the United States. The conveyance would also contain such additional conditions as may be determined by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to be necessary to safeguard the interests of the United States.

