

TRANSFER OF LAND AT JOHNSON CITY, TENN.

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 2237]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2237) authorizing the transfer of certain property of the Veterans' Administration (in Johnson City, Tenn.) to Johnson City National Farm Loan Association and the East Tennessee Production Credit Association, local units of the Farm Credit Administration, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

GENERAL EXPLANATION

The bill proposes to authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to transfer to the Johnson City National Farm Loan Association and the East Tennessee Production Credit Association certain described land containing approximately 0.0746 acre, constituting one corner of the reservation of the Veterans' Administration Center, Mountain Home (Johnson City), Tenn. The bill indicates that the transfer would give the transferee associations a property line at right angles to the adjoining highway.

The reservation of the Veterans' Administration Center, Mountain Home, Tenn., was acquired by the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, by purchase at various times, under the authority of the act of January 28, 1901 (31 Stat. 745). Pursuant to section 3 of the act of July 3, 1930 (46 Stat. 1016), all property, the title to which then stood in the name of the Board of Managers, was transferred to and the title thereof vested in the United States. Based on authority contained in the same act, the President, by Executive Order 5398, dated July 21, 1930, transferred the property of the National Home to the Veterans' Administration. The Veterans' Administration Center at Mountain Home currently consists of 1,781 domiciliary beds and 575 hospital beds, having a preponderance of general medical and surgical patients.

H. R. 2237 is concerned with a triangularly shaped tract of 0.0746 acre of land, which is located on the northerly side of the Veterans' Administration reservation at Mountain Home, about one-half mile from the building area of the center. It is apparently contiguous with land owned by the Johnson City National Farm Loan Association and the East Tennessee Production Credit Association.

Advice has been received from the Bureau of the Budget and the Veterans' Administration that there is no objection to this bill.

