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## ABBIE DOTY

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

## REPORT

[To accompany S. 1387]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1387) granting an increase of compensation to Abbie Doty, having considered the same report it back to the Senate and recommend that the bill do not pass.

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

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,  
Washington, January 7, 1932.

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

MY DEAR SENATOR SMOOT: This is in response to your letter of December 29, 1931, with which you forwarded for report a copy of S. 1387, Seventy-second Congress, "A bill granting an increase of compensation to Abbie Doty."

This bill proposes to grant to Abbie Doty, mother of Forest L. Delaney, late of Battery B, One hundred and forty-seventh Field Artillery, American Expeditionary Forces, compensation at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving. The records of the bureau show that Forest L. Delaney was killed in action on August 9, 1918, while serving with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. An award of compensation has been made to Mrs. Abbie Doty, his mother, in the amount of \$20 per month, which is the maximum allowance for a dependent mother under the World War veterans' act. This bill has therefore for its purpose only the increasing of the compensation allowed to Mrs. Doty, as dependent mother, to an amount in excess of that granted other dependent mothers of deceased soldiers. There is no insurance payable in this case, as the soldier made no application prior to his death which occurred after the time in which automatic insurance would have been payable had expired.

There has not heretofore been enacted a law which would give an increase of compensation under the World War veterans' act to a dependent mother of a deceased veteran of the World War. The enactment of this proposed measure would, therefore, give to this mother an increase which would make her case an exception to all other persons receiving compensation as dependent mothers of deceased World War veterans.

It is, as you know, against the policy of the Veterans' Administration to recommend special legislation except where administrative error or legal technicality has worked detriment or disadvantage to the person in whose favor legislation is sought.

A copy of this letter is inclosed for your use.

Very truly yours,

FRANK T. HINES, *Administrator.*

