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ACCEPTANCE OF LANDS AT BILOXI, MISS., AS A BRANCH HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS

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

REPORT

[To accompany S. 6155]

The Committee on Finance, to whom the bill (S. 6155) was referred authorizing the acceptance by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs of certain lands in Biloxi, Miss., as a site for a branch home of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, in the event that site should be selected, having considered the same, reported it back to the Senate without amendment and recommended that the bill be passed.

The purpose of the bill is to make possible the use of the land described therein without cost to the Veterans' Administration, in the event the Federal Board of Hospitalization, with the approval of the President, should decide that new or additional facilities for hospitalization or domiciliary care should be located at that place. It is not intended in any wise by the provisions of this bill to influence the Federal Board of Hospitalization in exercising its discretion in the location of any such facilities.

Because of the fact that the board has not yet decided upon the location of this home, due to the many sites which have been offered for the location of the branch home of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, and is now considering the sites; but only in the event the site offered by the city of Biloxi should be selected as the proper site among the many sites offered, this bill gives the city of Biloxi, through its officials, the power to make the proper transfer of the property. All other cities or towns making application to the board for the location of this home are in a position to make immediate transfer, but because the property which has been offered by the city of Biloxi, known as the Naval Reserve Park, was granted to the city by an act of Congress, conditioned upon the use of the property for park and cemetery purposes, it is necessary, in the event of the selection of this site, that the Congress grant authority to the city to make the proper transfer.